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Next META meeting will be

**JULY 28, 2010**

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

## SPEED READING

<b>Jul 9/10/11</b>	<b>ICSCC Race #8&amp;9 – SCR</b>	<b>NWMS</b>	<b>Spokane, Wa</b>
<b>Jul 10&amp;11</b>	<b>Driver Training – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
<b>Jul 10&amp;11</b>	<b>Portland Historic Races-PIR</b>	<b>SOVREN</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
Jul 10&11	West Coast Kart Race #8 – GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 10&11	Westwood Kart Race #5 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Jul 10&11	Utah Grand Prix – Miller Motorsports Park	ALMS	Tooele, Utah
Jul 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
<b>Jul 16/17/18</b>	<b>Historic Motor Races – MRP</b>	<b>VRCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
Jul 17&18	Toronto Indy	IRL	Toronto, Ont
Jul 17&18	NASCAR West Series – PIR	PIR	Portland, Or
Jul 23&24	Northeast Grand Prix – Lime Rock Park	ALMS	Lakeville, Conn
Jul 23/24/25	Karting – Gold Cup Sprints – GMR	IKF	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 24&25	Chumpcar World Series – SCR		Spokane, Wa
<b>Jul 24&amp;25</b>	<b>Edmonton Indy</b>	<b>IRL</b>	<b>Edmonton, AB</b>
Jul 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
<b>Jul 31/Aug 1</b>	<b>ICSCC Race #10 – PR</b>	<b>IRDC</b>	<b>Seattle, Wa</b>
Jul 31/Aug 1	Westwood Kart Race #6 – SIMA	WKA	Sumas, Wa
Aug 6&7	Mid-Ohio Grand Prix	ALMS	Lexington, Ohio
<b>Aug 7&amp;8</b>	<b>CACC Race #5 &amp; Children's Charity Grand Prix– MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
<b>Aug 7&amp;8</b>	<b>Regional – PIR</b>	<b>SCCA/OR</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
Aug 7&8	Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio	IRL	Lexington, Ohio
Aug 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
<b>Aug 14&amp;15</b>	<b>ICSCC Race #11 – PIR</b>	<b>CSCC and SCCBC</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
Aug 21&22	Road America Grand Prix	ALMS	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Aug 21&22	Grand Prix of Sonoma	IRL	Sonoma, Ca
Aug 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Aug 28&29	Grand Prix of Mosport	ALMS	Bowmanville, Ont
<b>Aug 28&amp;29</b>	<b>Double Regional with Vintage(SOVREN)</b>	<b>SCCA/NWR</b>	<b>Bremerton, Wa</b>
Aug 29&30	West Coast Kart Race #9 – GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC

**Driver Training**  
**MRP July 10/11**

**BC Historic Motor Races**  
**MRP July 16/17/18**

## *President's Report*

Another challenging meeting in June as although we had more than enough people for a quorum, we were once again not able to have the party room for our meeting, and had to use the upper area of the restaurant, which really does not work out too well. Kudos to Mark Miller for being able to hear enough to take the meeting minutes as Jerold was not able to attend.

As you will see in the minutes of the meeting, all of the volunteers at the River's Edge Road Course received some very positive feedback from a couple of sources recently. There is an article in this newsletter by Karla Sandwith from Victoria who came over with her husband for the weekend and thanks to Leslie Skinner, Karla was able to experience several of the different areas that we cover at the track. She seemed to have a very good time and was very complimentary about it.

Also, Bernice, Mike and the rest of the emergency crew were praised by Pam Williams for their response to her recent incident. A great job by everyone!

Although it was a long day, I really enjoyed the recent Conference race and loved the format. The days just flew by. Plus the food we had supplied to us was fantastic – no complaints at all! We were treated extremely well – thanks to the organizers for this. It was a great weekend all around.

Mike Kaerne in his role as President of CACC had the first of hopefully many All President's meetings recently. He invited the presidents of all the CACC member clubs to meet and share ideas about all of the motorsports activities and disciplines throughout BC. I found this very useful and I see this as a very positive move which can only help improve the relationships in the motorsport community. He plans to hold these meeting twice a year so please let me know if you have concerns that need to be brought up at the next meeting, which will likely be in the Fall.

Hope to see you at the Historics event later this month – should be lots of fun and frivolity as usual!

## *Ann*

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### *A friend is gone, but will not be forgotten*

June 14, 2010

Jay Bratton, Co-race Chair, Steward, Starter passed away yesterday at Evergreen Hospital, heart failure. Jay was a great friend of the flagging community and a huge contributor to SOVREN's racing activities.

He had hoped to be able to attend the Historics in two weeks, and Jim Dewey (SOVREN Pres.) had volunteered to be Jay's (golf cart) driver. Details of services will be passed on as they become available.

*Rich Weixler*

### *Sad News*

July 1, 2010

Most of you already knew that Lynn's father was diagnosed with cancer a couple of years ago. Three weeks ago he was admitted to Kelowna Hospital with more tumors in his back and lungs. They were only able to give him a couple of radiation treatments as he was already maxed out on chemo and near the limit for radiation. Basically to try and shrink the tumor and relieve some of the pain. He was then transported to Princeton hospital, which was home. He remained in hospital where he passed away early this morning.

*Thomas*

## **Vintage Racing Club of B.C. announces a name change and the dates for its main 2010 race event**

The Vintage Racing Club of B.C. (VRCBC) announced today that it has changed the name of its annual marquee race weekend to better reflect its wider appeal. The new name is *British Columbia Historic Motor Races* (BCHMR), and the 2010 race dates will be July 16, 17 & 18.

“Incorporating British Columbia in the name reflects the true scope of our event, which attracts drivers from all over Western Canada and the United States,” said VRCBC President Jim Latham. “We want it to be recognized as a destination motor sport event with a distinctive British Columbia experience,” he added.

Since 1976, when the races were staged at the famous Westwood track in Coquitlam until the present location of the River’s Edge Road Course at the multipurpose Mission Raceway Park east of Vancouver, this event has grown to become the largest vintage racing event in Western Canada and one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest. Last year, more than 130 vintage and historic racing cars were entered and over 3,000 spectators attended.

“The BCHMR weekend is a unique experience,” said Event Chairman Ian Wood. “Nowhere else in British Columbia can road racing fans get so up close and personal with these wonderful machines and their drivers, and see some of the world’s finest race-bred marques fighting for the checkered flag. The paddock is fully open to the public all weekend and the on-track racing is fast and competitive, stirring nostalgic memories from a bygone era of motor racing,” added Wood.

The event has become an annual must-attend gathering for vintage racing drivers and their crews, as well as for many local classic car enthusiasts who create a show of their own, displaying their fascinating vehicles in a special area. Adding to the festival atmosphere are the many sponsors’ booths offering everything from automobilia and artwork to automotive product displays. The excellent grandstand viewing, informative track side commentary and food concessions, all make for a great weekend.

The three day BCHMR is the largest of the five race events which the VRCBC organizes each year. The VRCBC is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to restore, race and exchange information concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles. The philosophy of the club’s members is to encourage participation, sportsmanship and the display of vehicles in their natural state, on the race track. All VRCBC events are held in conjunction with the SCCBC and META, and sanctioned by CACC/FIA.

The VRCBC is currently working on this year’s line-up of interesting racing cars and event activities. These will be announced later in the year together with an updated website.

For more information please contact Jim Latham at [LathamConsult@telus.net](mailto:LathamConsult@telus.net)  
Or on the website at <http://www.vrcbc.ca/>

## *British Columbia Historic Motor Races*



*July 16, 17 & 18*



# *Westwood Reunion 2010*

at the

## *British Columbia Historic Motor Races*

*Mission Raceway Park*

*July 16, 17 & 18, 2010*

We had so much fun at the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Westwood Circuit last year that we have decided to hold a Westwood reunion every year in conjunction with the Vintage Racing Club of BC annual British Columbia Historic Motor Races.

There will be special area set aside for the Westwood enthusiasts, watch for the signs.

Bring your memories and memorabilia.

Barbeque on Friday night hosted by the old-timers Gio Coletta and Ed Clements just like they used to do at Westwood.

www.vrcbc.ca or [tomjohnston@shaw.ca](mailto:tomjohnston@shaw.ca)

## *Formula Vee Feature Race*

at the

### *British Columbia Historic Motor Races*

The VRCBC is very pleased to announce that this year the BC Historic Motor Races will feature one of the ten races in the Victory Lane Vintage Formula Vee Races series.

On Sunday July 18th, Formula Vees of all years, both Vintage and Modern, will have a 20 minute Formula Vee-only race.

For more information, check the Race Series web site <http://www.vintageformulav.com/> and the latest issue of Victory Lane magazine <http://www.victorylane.com/>

### *Many Thanks*

Just wanted to say thanks again for taking such good care of me during my little "incident" on Saturday. I don't know if I'd enjoy racing as much if you guys weren't there. I was a little dazed but when I saw Bernice coming up to the cars I just wasn't worried about anything anymore cause I knew she would make it all ok. I wish I could explain how much it means to have such an attentive and caring bunch of volunteers to take care of us. The little visit later on that evening to make sure all was good with myself and the car was the usual extra touch that makes you guys part of our little racing family.

E crew and the turn workers at Mission (not to mention the nice fellow that was up from the States), you're all just the best!

Please pass this on to those who matter.

See you all next weekend!!

Love you,

*Pam Williams*

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# Volunteer Appreciation Weekend June 12 & 13, 2010

## Featuring the WSC race 4 & FV Invitational Race

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Saturday's first Annual Formula Vee Invitational Race at the Rivers Edge Raceway in Mission BC was a hotly contested race. Pole sitter Robert Posner managed to hold off Scott Arthur for the first part of the race. Four laps into the race novice Vee driver Tiago Santo spun in turn one then tangled with Pam Williams putting them both out of the race, this caused a full course yellow for several laps while their cars were cleared from the track. When the race finally went green again Scott Arthur got the jump on Posner and managed to hold the lead for the remainder of the race.

Meanwhile Tim Brousse battled it out with James Dallimore for third and fourth place, Dallimore ultimately made a pass that stuck giving him the third place finish. Martin Phillips held onto fifth place followed by Steven Young, Al Ores, Don Lines and Bruce Jameson rounding out the field.

Sunday's Formula Vee Invitational Race was a reverse grid based on the finishing order of the race on Saturday; however there was opportunity to shuffle your position based on Sunday qualifying time.

Just as the morning qualifying session started heavy rain started catching many drivers on the track running slicks. Two drivers made a last minute change to rain tires just before the qualifying session started, which moved them up the grid.

The skies cleared for the afternoon race which made for a very interesting start, on the first lap Dallimore went off track in turn two and came back on colliding with two other cars at the exit of the turn collecting several other cars in the mayhem. Dallimore's car was badly damaged so was retired from the race.

Posner, Brousse and Arthur quickly got to the front of the pack to battle it out for most of the race with Arthur and Posner finally ducking out in the last few laps. Posner at one point tried to pass under braking going into turn one however Arthur managed to get the advantage on the exit as they nearly came together.

On the last lap Posner made an aggressive move going into turn one and ran Arthur out of track forcing Arthur onto the grass at the exit giving Posner the advantage. The finishing order was Posner, Arthur, Brousse, Ores, Phillips, Williams, Lines, Santos, Jameson and Young.

This weekend's Westcoast Sportscar Championship race started in the wet and was relatively uneventful for about the first twenty minutes, while the sun came out and the track started to dry. Twenty minutes into the race is when Adam Redavid spun in turn three, hit a tire wall sending a tire bundle onto the track leaving them on the racing line bringing out the only full course yellow in the race. Most teams took this time to do their mandatory pit stop, with the two driver teams doing their driver change.

The team of Kees Nierop and Steve Paquette used that time to do a tire change. John Gillespie in his hurry to get back on the track exceeded the pit exit speed and was black flagged, his time in the pit for that violation cost him several positions.

The race finishing order was: Rolland Stec (P1), Larry Bell (P3), Kees Nierop & Steve Paquette (P2), Keith Robinson (P3), Jordan Isaak (P4), Amir Kani (P4), John Gillespie (P3), Gayle Baird (P4), Adam Redavid (P4).

*Mike Bailey*

Article written for the Victoria MG Club  
By Karla Sandwith

Jim and I went to Mission Raceway this weekend to volunteer at a track event: Jim as steward-in-training; me as a track worker, helping with META, the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association. I went as a willing subject, even though I had apprehensions about committing a full weekend to racing activities.

In the end, I learned a lot, had some fun and met some very nice people. Rather than write a report, I'll summarize a few things that might illustrate the event, from a novice perspective.

I learned:

- flag meanings and motions; there are 8 flags—yellow, blue, green, white, red, black, double yellow, red/yellow—and when combined with different waving actions and flag combos, there are many messages that can be conveyed to drivers and other track workers
- hand gestures to communicate with the immediate crew members
- how to fold and hold a flag; looks pretty snappy
- where to stand in relation to the corner crew and for optimum track coverage
- names of lots of people
- a little about different race categories
- why people would regularly volunteer at the track instead of driving. I discovered that META is an association of skilled workers who take pride in their ability to provide valuable support services to a sport they love

I should have taken:

- all-white clothing—the corner worker uniform (shirt, sweater, pants)
- sunscreen
- a ball cap (instead of my Tilley)

I enjoyed:

- being in the action, contributing to the success and safety of the event
- the care of the corner workers—drop-offs of treats throughout the weekend, including water, chocolate bars, candies, popsicles
- the meals—generous spreads for both days and dinner Saturday
- the patient and encouraging training I received on-the-job
- the responsibility handed to me, even though I was such a novice
- participating with Jim, knowing he, too, was having a great time
- the invitation to come back anytime

Recommendation:

- I think there's a pretty generous and open invitation to anyone to volunteer with META. I recommend anyone who loves racing and the unique strategies and tactics that are associated with team sports to accept the offer. Jim can tell you how.

*Karla Sandwith*



An Invitational Event  
Mission Raceway Park Roadcourse –  
Mission, BC  
August 7/8, 2010

Morris Promotions, the Children's Charities Racing Team Society and the Sports Car Club of BC are very excited to announce the 3rd Annual;

***The BMW Store Children's Charities Grand Prix***

The 2010 CCGP will be open to P1 (GT1, GT2, GTO) and P2 (GT3, IP1, GTM) cars  
There will only be 32 spots available for the 3rd Annual CCGP.

To receive an online 'Intent to Enter' form, Supplemental Regulations and CCGP Event Outline, please email [CCGP@proracing.ca](mailto:CCGP@proracing.ca) or download then from the [Driver Info](#) page  
'Intent to Enter' form must be filled out and emailed to [ccgp@proracing.ca](mailto:ccgp@proracing.ca) no later than July 12th, 2010

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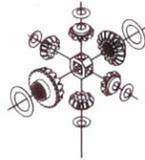
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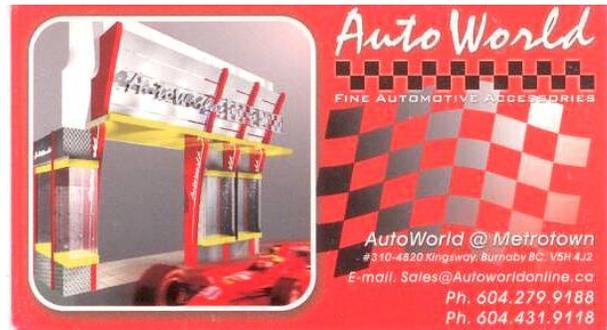
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