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Next META meeting will be
MARCH 24, 2010

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

SPEED READING

Mar 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Mar 13	RATS Meeting	ICSCC	Auburn, Wa
Mar 13&14	Sao Paulo Indy 300	IRL	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Mar 14	Volunteer Open House – MRP	12:00 - 3:00	Mission, BC
Mar 19&20	12 hours of Sebring	ALMS	Sebring, FL
Mar 20&21	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Mar 20&21	West Coast Kart Race #1 – GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Mar 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 27&28	Grand Prix of St Petersburg	IRL	St Petersburg, FL
Mar 28	IRDC 6hr Enduro – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Apr 3&4	CACC Race #1 & WSC #1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 3&4	Westwood Kart Race #1 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Apr 10	WCIRABC AGM and Banquet	TBA	TBA
Apr 10&11	Grand Prix of Alabama – Barber Motorsports Park	IRL	Birmingham, AL
Apr 10&11	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 10&11	West Coast Kart Race #2 – GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 16&17	Long Beach Grand Prix	ALMS	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 17&18	Long Beach Grand Prix	IRL	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 17&18	Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Apr 17&18	CACC Race #2 & WSC #2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 17&18	Westwood Kart Race #2 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Apr 24&25	ICSCC Race #1 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Apr 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC

Volunteer Open House

Sunday, March 14, 2010

SCCBC Club House

River's Edge Road Race Track

Mission, BC

Presidents Report

Winter must be almost over – where did it go? Not that we had too much of a winter this year with the lack of snow and mild temperatures. Even if the trees were not in full blossom, we would know it must be coming to an end with the racing schedules set and the pre-season meetings being held, driver training in a couple of weeks and so on.

Time to dust off the cobwebs and get ready to go! That track bucket will need an overhaul – hope there are no nasty surprises in there such as rock hard gum or worse the green mouldy muffin!

We will be having a work party in the near future to get the clubhouse ready for the season too and your help would be welcome.

It was good to hear that Keith Robinson, the new President of SCCBC, had come to our last META meeting. I did speak to him just before I left on vacation and I am positive we can work together to try to improve relationships at the track. I still plan to follow up on my promise to try to get the SCCBC executive and representatives of E-Crew together in the next few weeks to make plans for the season. Look for an update on the progress soon.

Hope to see many of you soon at the track.

Ann



CARS *On Ice*

WCIRABC Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet

April 10, 2010

Mark your calendars

More detail to be announced



Sports Car Club of B.C. Open House

March 14, 2010, Mission Raceway Park

The SCCBC will be holding an Open House on Sunday March 14, 2010 from noon to 3PM at our River's Edge road course, Mission Raceway Park, Mission, B.C. We would like to introduce you, your friends and your family to the exciting sport of road racing. This is your chance to become involved in motorsport as a volunteer. Racing is an International sport with many of our volunteers having traveled the world while participating in professional racing events including Formula One.

Volunteers are essential to the operation of our races and include positions both on and off track.

SCCBC hosts eight club and professional races each year at Mission as part of the Canadian and American racing scene.

Everyone is welcome so please be sure to attend. For further information please contact Leslie Skinner at: secretary@sccbc.net or 604 856-8957.



MISSION RACEWAY PARK, MISSION B.C.

Everyone is welcome

Race Administrators Training Seminar

Just a reminder that there will be a RATS meeting on March 13th, 2010 at the Best Western Peppertree Inn at 401 - 8th St. SW in Auburn.

Meeting starts at 9am and we will be breaking off into individual groups for further discussion in the afternoon. Some things to go over for the ROD/Volunteers, are the slight changes in the flagging rules as per the Spring 2010 meeting, pace car procedure, recruiting and whatever else gets thrown into the mix.

I will have with me application forms and the NEW ICSCC/ROD crests.

All ROD members renewing or joining for the first time, will receive one and if ROD members wish to purchase extras they will be available for a modest \$5.00 each.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Lynn

<http://www.auto123.com/en/racing-news/north-american-series/breaking-news-the-2010-formula-atlantic-championship-is-cancelled?artid=116648>

Breaking news: The 2010 Formula Atlantic Championship is cancelled!

By René Fagnan,

Wednesday, March 03, 2010

Auto123.com has learned that the 2010 season of the Formula Atlantic Championship has been cancelled.

This is major news for the up-and-coming, young drivers who wanted to climb the motorsport ladder and follow the footsteps of the Villeneuves, the Rahals, Keke Rosberg, Danny Sullivan, Danica Patrick and others.

2010 would have represented the 37th season of competition of what was North America's longest-running open wheel driver development series.

Since 1974, the Atlantic Championship has been churning out drivers that have gone on to superstardom in various forms of motorsport all over the world.

Ben Johnston, the owner of the series and the team owners decided on Tuesday afternoon to cease operations for 2010.

An insider told Auto123.com that considerable efforts have been put during the recent months to keep the series alive. However, the poor state of the economy resulted in the cancellation of many sponsorship programmes and gave no chance to Johnston and his team.

“There were basically too many series and not enough money available,” the insider told us.

“The Atlantic series will not disappear for good,” the insider pointed out.

“We’re taking 2010 off to seriously rethink the series. Mr. Johnston is seriously thinking about relaunching the series in 2011, and even to stage a short and affordable “Winter Series” at one point.”

The Atlantic series’ officials were in final talks with the organisers of the Canadian Grand Prix for the presentation of the race in June. It will not happen, sadly.

6 Hours of Pacific Raceways Enduro

Attention Enduro racers (Enduro veterans and sprint racers that want to experience an Enduro). IRDC is very proud to present the 5th Annual "6 Hours of Pacific Raceways" on Sunday March 28, 2010. The Enduro Announcement, Schedule, Supps, and Entry Form are now posted in the Schedule and Race Results section.

Our Northwest Enduro racers have posted excellent results over the years at other longer Enduro's (especially at T-Hill recently) and we hope to have all the regular Enduro veterans back with us in March. We have all the normal Enduro classes. But this year we are also attempting to bring in new Enduro racers with special LIMITED Classes. These LIMITED classes will allow you to basically run any race car (that meets ICSCC safety requirements) without the added Enduro expenses (i.e. no auxiliary fuel tanks, limited tire changes, etc.). See Supps for details.

If you may be new to Enduro racing, and want to experience the real teamwork that is part of this type of racing, we hope you take this opportunity to experience it with this upcoming IRDC Enduro.

I would ask our PRO3 Enduro veteran Mike Olson to get the word out to our PRO3 guys who maybe held off on bringing their cars to an Enduro but now have an easy opportunity to run an Enduro with less expense. Also, for those interested in getting to know our Legends racers and their cars, Norm Smith is coordinating a Legends entry or entries.

Hope you can join us! One more thing, we decided to hold off on the snow this year.

Frank DiMiceli

2010 IRDC Race Chairman

SM/ITA #29

Hello Everyone:

I hope you all enjoyed your time off over the winter away from the track. Its that time of year again as the race season is fast approaching.... very fast. IRDC's first event of the 2010 season is a combined driving school and 6 hour enduro on the March 27/28 weekend. There is already an entry from California, the first and only full race Factory Five GTM currently racing full competition in SCCA and NASA. It is specifically built for endurance racing, should be very cool. I will also promise on Scott Ahrens honor that we will not have a repeat of last years Snowball 500 (I hope).

As in past years registration for this event will not be at the ticket booth building at the entrance to the track beside pregrid. Registration will be inside the paddock at Driver Services. The trailer should be either beside the concession or it may be behind the turn 9 grandstand.

At this time I plan on a 8:00 AM morning meeting on Sunday in the vicinity of Driver Services for the Enduro. Come on out and play, it's a good way to shake off the cobwebs and start off the season.

If you are able to help out on Saturday for the Driver School, the morning meeting will be at 8:15 at Driver Services.

Your help is greatly appreciated for this event. If you are able to attend and give me advance notice it helps me out. Hope to see you there.

Thomas Liesner

Asst Flag Chief – IRDC



The  **Scotiabank**

Bowl for Big Brothers Classic

April 1 - May 15, 2010

Eh, Canuck,

Motorsport Emergency & Turnworkers Association is taking part in the Canada, eh themed 2010 Scotiabank Bowl for Big Brothers Classic . I've seen you skip out of work early to catch Hockey Night in Canada. I know you're red and white through and through! So why not join our team to raise some money for kids?

Date: Friday May 7th, 2010

Time: 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Bowling Centre: Rev's 10 Pin @ 5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby

Sign up as a bowler, collect pledges online and go bowling. Have fun and help kids. Every dollar you raise will benefit Big Brothers' mentoring programs, allowing children the friendship of positive adult mentors.

To join the META Bowling Team or just make a pledge to the team visit:

<http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=142127&langPref=en-CA>

Bowlers, if you signed up on-line last year use your same user-name & password. We are aiming to get 15 bowlers this year, so come join the fun.

And it's not just the kids who win. Raise pledges to earn one of the following awesome incentive prizes:

*Raise \$150 or more and earn your very own Plush Mike and Dave Moose.

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*Raise \$500 or more and earn a Digital Photo Frame.

*Raise \$1000 or more and earn a Flip Pocket Camcorder.

*Raise \$2500 or more and earn a Blu-ray Disc Player.

For more information, visit www.BIGcanadaEH.ca.

See you on the lanes!

Au revoir,

Mike Bailey



Targa Bambina

May 24th 2010

www.targacanadawest.com



Targa Canada West proudly launches a new event in the Pacific Northwest...

Targa Bambina – May 24, 2010. (Victoria Day Holiday, Canada.)

Targa Canada West's "Targa Bambina" is a one-day competitive motorsport event open to sports cars of all makes, models and vintages. Taking place in and around Kelowna, BC, Canada – on the twistiest paved public roads between mountains, lakes and vineyards. (The roads are safely and temporarily closed to the public). Bambina is a comfortable way to try the Targa experience. Regular street-legal cars can enter in Class 1 & 2 – after which additional safety equipment is required (roll cage, etc.) in higher speed classes 3 to 6. This one-day format is more flexible than a 5-day full Targa (regarding vehicle entries). In particular, we are working with the Knox Mountain Hillclimb organizers to have as many of their competitors as possible eligible for Bambina (the Hillclimb is also in Kelowna on the previous two days, May 22 and 23).

To register, or for more info (sponsor, competitor, and/or volunteer) see:

<http://www.targacanadawest.com/>.

(Note, the full five-day Targa event is May 22-27, 2011.)

Targa Canada West: Mountains of motorsport adventure.

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**June 12 & 13, 2010
Rivers Edge Raceway
Mission, B.C.**

ALL vees welcome to race in this Special Group. Please note there will be a RACE on Saturday, AND a RACE on Sunday.

Complimentary Pig roast BBQ on Saturday evening for the vee drivers and their family / crew.

Trophies, Prizes and possible tow money to help the out of town long haulers.

If you have never raced at Mission Raceway Park in your vee, you need to try this track. It is one of the most technical, never a dull moment track, you will have ever driven on. Special consideration to Vintage / Sovren Vees for the start if needed. Everyone starts, races, has a GREAT time, and goes home remembering racing at River Edge Raceway. Priceless!

More details to come.

Look for contacts and updates etc. on the web site below (available soon).

www.unionracing.ca

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The Legend of Brian Redman's Cat!



There are a lot of different versions about why people are drinking to Brian Redman's Cat. Credit for the Cat has been claimed by various groups; drivers, crew members, every race worker specialty and even some of the more alcoholic spectator groups. Everyone wants to get into the act. Don't believe any of them. Ignore all rumors. Especially the one that says the Cat was invented by corner workers at an emergency drinking meeting of the "Road Racing Roundtable: In the parking lot of Schwartz's in St. Anna, Wisconsin".

Corner workers are damned particular who they raise a glass to. Their toasts are a sign of respect bestowed only to the fastest people like Fangio, Moss, Clark, Donohue, and Brian Redman. All properly conducted Saturday drinking contests follow a pattern. You take turns making a toast. You are expected to toast someone faster than your predecessor. Lately, the toasting seems to always end with a final toast, "Here's to Brian Redman's Cat". The Cat really isn't quicker than Brian, but he is faster than most, especially in the rain (his claws are an advantage). Here now is the straight story:

"The Cat", he didn't have a name in those days (actually, he still doesn't), was first noticed by corner workers at Road America. He lived his entire first life right there at the track. That first life was what started the Legend. We are certain that each of his remaining lives will contribute to the legend and he will take his rightful place in racing history.

When first spotted, he certainly didn't look like legend material. He was apparently booted out of a car as a kitten and grew up wild at Road America, scrounging for his food and fighting for survival. He was a skinny pitiful sight, obviously undernourished and very anti-social. The event was a cold May Drivers School and it was raining. That dumb Cat was standing there, soaked to his skin, watching the racecars, just like the corner workers. He was obviously impressed.

"The Cat" was having a really rough time when he discovered the generosity of corner workers. At lunchtime, eating with them was better than scrounging for food. This was easy; he was well-fed at every corner he visited. He never understood the fact that maybe the amount of food available for cats had something to do with the quality of the lunches. He really learned to love the vulcanized bratwurst with melted Hershey bar on top. He even learned to like the "mystery meat". Eventually, he became tamer and actually permitted a few corner workers to give him an occasional pat on the head. He seemed to enjoy them and their company.

Later, he started drinking with the workers at the end of the day. He found that most corner workers had alcoholic beverages in their survival kits for after the last car. He got into the habit of making the rounds of the corners. He'd have a quick one with anybody who was willing to share.

When he wasn't eating or drinking, he was watching the racecars. He couldn't hide his admiration for the fastest drivers because he was pretty fast himself. Just like his friends - the workers - he became an ardent fan of Brian Redman. In fact, every time Brian Redman raced at Road America, you could find The Cat hanging around his pit. If you looked real careful, you could see he was listening to and watching Brian's every move. As years went by, The Cat developed two burning ambitions. One was to drink with every corner worker in the country and the other was to beat Brian Redman's time at Road America. He used to work at it at night. If you were at the right place, at the right time, you could see The Cat - who by then was known as "Brian Redman's Cat" - doing hot laps. Gradually, he worked his time down to where he was within a couple seconds of Brian Redman's best time. He probably would have made it if it hadn't been for a tragic, unfortunate accident.

One particular dark night, he had a very fast lap going. He came into Corner 10 right on the ragged edge. Unfortunately, a large deer was asleep in the apex and The Cat hit it at speed. There weren't any corner workers there to help and he did not survive the crash.

The next morning, when the corner workers came out to set up the station for the day, they found his remains. And out of respect for The Cat and Brian Redman, they buried The Cat with a good view of the turn.

Today, at Station 10, you'll find a rather large mound of rocks with a crude cross on top of it. Directly in front of the mound is a granite headstone with the following inscription, "Here Lies Briand Redman's Cat, The Bloodshot Blur with Fur". That is the final resting place of Brian Redman's Cat. When a corner worker is assigned to Corner 10, it is tradition to add one more rock to the pile.

That might have been the end of this legend, except for a strange phenomenon that was noticed shortly after the crash. Whenever corner workers got together for serious partying, The Cat would usually show up after a sufficient number of toasts "To Brian Redman's Cat". That damned Cat would come back for one more drink with his friends, the corner workers. And so, if you are a good corner worker and have faith, especially if you drink enough (this is very important), sooner or later, you will see "Brian Redman's Cat".....Unknown Author