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Next META meeting will be
MAY 25, 2011

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

SPEED READING

May 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 13&14&15	Westwood Kart Race #2 & IKF Gold Cup Race – GMR	WKA/IKF	Chilliwack, BC
May 14&15	CACC Race #2 & WSC #2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 14&15	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 21&22	ICSCC Race #2 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 21&22	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 21&22	Chumpcar World Series – RaceCity		Calgary, AB
May 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
May 28&29&30	ICSCC Race #3&4 – ORP	TC	Grass Valley, Or
May 28&29&30	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 29	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Ind
Jun 3&4&5	Spokane Festival of Speed— SCR	SOVREN	Spokane, Wa
Jun 4&5	West Coast Kart Race 3&4–GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 11&12	Historic Motor Races – MRP	VRCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 11&12	ICSCC Race #5 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 11&12	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 17&18&19	Rose Cup Races / Double Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jun 18&19	ICSCC Race#6 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 18&19	Westwood Kart Race #3 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Jun 18	Mission Soap Box Derby	9:00am	Mission, BC
Jun 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jun 25&26	West Coast Kart Race #5 – GMR	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

"SCCBC 60th Anniversary Weekend"

May 14 - 15, 2011

Featuring the 'Westcoast Sportscar Championship'

Presidents Report

The racing season has begun, the last car show of the year is done, and track ops have been busy making improvements to MRPRC (Mission Raceway Park Road Course). Incidentally for those of you that missed the news, although the unofficial slogan for the track may be Racing at The Rivers Edge, the new official name for our home track is *Mission Raceway Park Road Course*.

The Vintage Race Club of BC would like to formally invite all META members and other track volunteers to attend the British Columbia Historic Motor Races (BCHMR) and the Saturday festivities.

The first race of the year at MRPRC saw a shortage of workers, we should thank drivers like Evan Williams (yellow Ferrari, TVR, etc.) who sent all three of his pit crew out to the corners. Some criticised me for not going out on a turn, however, since I come straight from a graveyard shift to the track to do set-up I feel it would be unsafe for me to be on a corner, in fact once the dust settles on Saturday mornings you will often find me hiding somewhere to take a nap!

The Custom & Classic Car Show at the Tradex Convention Center in Abbotsford was successful for letting people know of our existence at Mission. It is still amazing that so many think road racing in the lower mainland ended when Westwood closed.

Thanks to Linda and Manny for their help on the Saturday. Thanks to your help the SCCBC/VRC apparently received a trophy for third best display, and the SCCBC pace car was voted third best sports car. I say apparently as I heard this through the grape vine, I was too busy chatting to attend the presentations.

Track Ops, mostly Norm Shaw and Keith Robinson, have been busy trying to make improvements to the track and the worker stations. The improvements suggested at the last META meeting will probably be done for the next race. Track Ops has also put up another awning/shelter to keep the track vehicles in, so the META canopy should now be available for the META truck. Many of the requests made on the list collected by race chair will not get done as Track Ops did not receive the list until late in the day Friday May 6, some of the improvements will require a work party.

Question of the month:

What was the first event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and when was it held (Month day and year required). Hint: I told Jerold part of the answer at the last META meeting, if you overheard me and remember what I said you are part way there.

Answers can be sent to webmaster@meta.bc.ca

Answer to last month's question:

One again I was caught on the wording of my question. My question was first race, not first auto race, so I have to go with the question asked. Ian McMahan was the first to answer with:

“Aug. 14, 1909: The rescheduled first day of motorcycle competition is severely hampered by the terrible condition of the track surface, which is a mixture of crushed rock and tar. Many riders refuse to compete. The 10-event program is reduced to eight, of which only seven are held, while the second day, rescheduled for Monday, Aug. 16, is canceled completely. A. G. Chapple beats six other riders in the opening 5-mile handicap on Saturday. With the cancellation of event number 8, the 10-lap, 25-mile FAM championship event for professionals, the final race of the day ends up being the four-lap 10-mile amateur championship won by E.G. Baker, who in a few years will gain considerable fame as the legendary perennial transcontinental record-breaker “Cannon Ball” Baker.”

I believe his answer was taken directly from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway web site. Pat Le Barron also gave a correct answer, however his answer came in 3½ hours later.

Thanks to those that participate, I hear comments about some of the discussions I incite with my questions, and sometimes I'm wrong about the answer for the question I ask (wording can be everything).

The first auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was Aug. 19, 1909, the beginning of a three day event featuring 18 events. The first event was won by Louis Schwitzer, who would achieve fame as an industrialist.

For being the first to correctly answer the question Ian will receive 3 Smart Card Defender Sleeves from <http://www.chipblockers.com/> to protect his credit cards with chips from random scanning. Chip enabled Smart Cards are subject to the same vulnerabilities as an enhanced drivers licence and chip enabled passports which can be passively scanned from several feet away by anyone having the appropriate equipment..

Mike

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Another classic design by Mike Tate! You can download your own PDF version here:

<http://www.vrcbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/BCHMR-2011-Poster.pdf>

A big thank you to our two Participating Sponsors: Craftsman Collision and West Coast Mazda

And to our partners in racing in BC:

The Sports Car Club of British Columbia (SCCBC),
The Motorsport Emergency & Turnworkers Association (META)
And all of the other Volunteer Workers,
Plus the Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs (CACC).



Dear Friends,

Since you've known me for so long, you are well aware of my passion for cycling. You know how often I bike and how important this has become in my life. But now it has become even more significant. I discovered that riding my bike could not only be my favourite activity, but now it can help fight against cancer in The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting BC Cancer Foundation.

This is my chance to challenge myself and be the person I know I can be. Someone who makes an impact. Someone who leaves the world a better place. Someone who faces their fears and acts for others. That's me. And this is your chance to be a part of it too.

I have officially signed on to ride from Vancouver to Seattle, and raise a minimum of \$2500. All proceeds go to BC Cancer Foundation, who uses the money for world-class research, as well as cancer treatment and education. And they use it as soon as they receive it, not when the bike ride happens.

So, yes, this is a request for your financial support. A dollar for every kilometre that I'll be riding would be absolutely awesome! You can donate over a period of time too, if you aren't able to give all at one time. I thank you in advance for whatever you can give.

Just click on the link below to go to my webpage and make an online donation, or fill out a donation form and send it back to me. This ride is going to be an unforgettable adventure, and I hope you'll be a part of it with me.

Sincerely,

Ian Wood

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This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2010 CACC regulations and is organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at the Mission Raceway Park Road Course in Mission, BC. Each regional group will have a points race on each of Saturday and Sunday.

International Race Drivers Club

Presents

3rd Annual Military Salute Grand Prix

May 21st & 22nd 2011

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC under the 2011 Competition Regulations as a championship race, which is organized by IRDC and held at Pacific Raceways.

Team Continental

Announces

Double Dipper Grand Prix

May 28-29-30, 2011

This event is sanctioned by ICSCC under the 2011 Competition Regulations
Featuring a 3-DAY, DOUBLE RACE Championship points format
presented by Team Continental at Oregon Raceway Park in Grass Valley, OR.

Cascade Sports Car Club

Presents

Chicane Challenge XIX

June 11th and 12th, 2011

This is a Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2011 Competition Regulations as a championship race, organized by Cascade Sports Car Club and held at Portland International Raceway.



The Knox Mountain Hillclimb

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Richard or call 250-212-1889. We'd love your help!

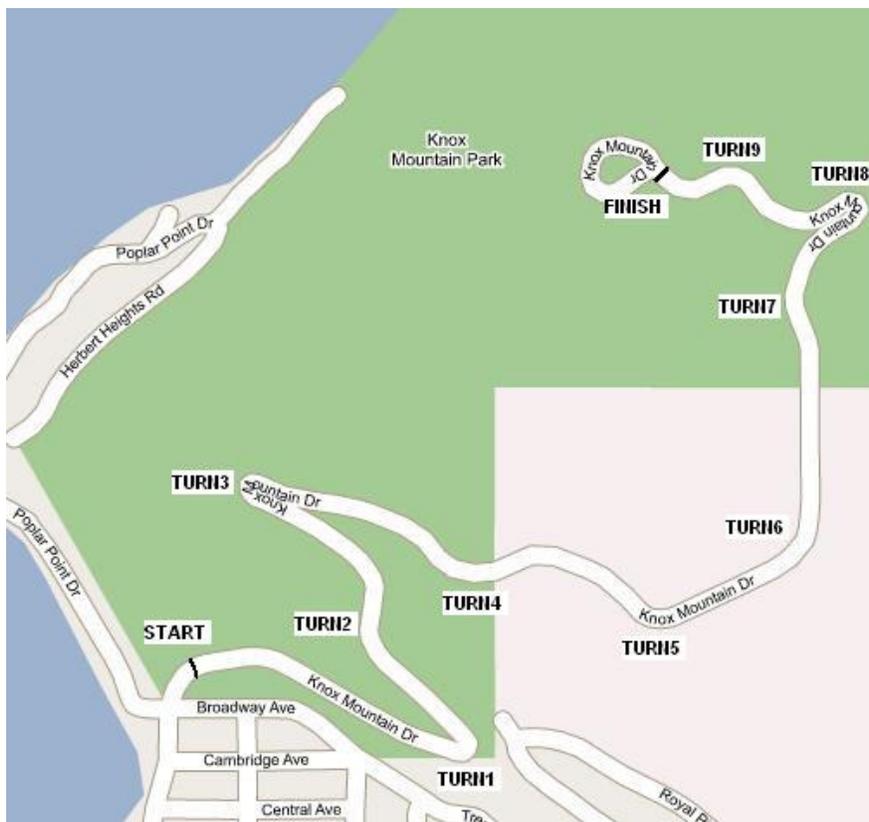
The Knox Mountain Hillclimb, is run annually on Knox Mountain Park Road, in the City of Kelowna. The road, while paved, is narrow with off-camber corners, and steep grades; a nice Sunday drive, but hardly a race track. It is 2.2 miles (3.5km) long, and climbs approximately 800 feet (245 meters) in elevation for an average grade of 6.7%.

Past its 50th year, Knox Mountain is the longest annually running paved hillclimb in North America. The event attracts top drivers from throughout the Pacific Northwest, looking for the challenge and thrill of being fastest.

Cars are run one at a time, each trying to reach the top in the lowest elapsed time. Drivers/cars compete in various classes from open wheeled formula cars to powerful large engined GT cars. But, each hopes to be "King of the Hill", earning the fastest time of the weekend.

The current hill record is 1m:37.065, held by John Haftner of Vancouver, British Columbia. Times under two minutes are considered exceptionally fast, with few drivers achieving that and even fewer sedans having ever achieved that. Most times fall between 2m00s and 2m30s. To achieve top times, speeds in excess of 160kph must be reached on the short straights.

The road corners are known by their "numbers" and include three switchbacks; each corner has its own features varying from steepness to camber, to steep drop-offs if you go too wide.



For more Information go to
<http://www.knoxmtnhillclimb.ca/index.htm>

From: <http://www.icscc.com/forums/showthread.php?1631-The-Ridge-Motorsports-Park-has-cleared-the-final-hurdle!-New-race-track-coming>.

The Ridge Motorsports Park has cleared the final hurdle! New race track coming.

April 26, 2011

The final hurdle in the approval process for the Ridge Motorsports Park has been cleared.

It's difficult to overestimate the significance of this event. There have been countless attempts over the years to build a new race track of any kind, many have tried, and many have failed.

This will be the first new motorsports facility in the greater Puget Sound region in a generation or more, and it's owned, designed, and intended to be used by club racers.

Ground breaking begins today, grading by week's end. The objective is to be running test laps by late summer, and a full race schedule in 2012.

Congratulations to the regular guys that conceived, and then achieved!

Randy Blaylock

From: <http://www.ridgemotorsportspark.com/>

From the get-go The Ridge Motorsports Group engaged local residents, businesses, car clubs, racers, and property owners to help develop not only a track facility to meet the needs and wants of racers, but also an operation that would benefit the entire region.

These benefits are enormous and immediate, starting with the use of local contractors to construct the development, area residents to staff the business, and area services to maintain the operation. From construction and professional positions to security, administrative and part-time corner and concession workers, The Ridge will create countless jobs during a time of economic downturn.

Conservative estimates point to \$12 million in annual economic benefits to the surrounding community.

Combined with the revenues coming directly from the track's operations, this means significantly increased funding for the County's schools, fire and police departments, roads, public parks, and libraries.

Being a part of the community also means offering support. Whether it is making the facility available for educating young drivers or sponsoring local charities and activities, The Ridge Motorsports Park will jump at the opportunity. The Ridge gives area residents a much-needed safe, family-friendly place to spend time.

Whether it's in the form of watching, learning or competing in performance driving, or simply the use of the facility for shows or swap meets, The Ridge will be a positive influence on the community.

Track Map



"Our facility is being designed with input from all of our local racing constituents; club racers, car clubs, drag racers, special use groups and more. We've gone through many revisions based on their excellent feedback. Here is our most up-to-date version.

For more information go to:

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

Where is the Ridge Motorsports Track located?

We are located on West Eells Hill Rd, NE, Shelton WA, just about 25 miles Northwest of Olympia WA. It would only be about 10 miles if that pesky Puget Sound wasn't in the way. The road is pronounced LLLL's, not like a sea creature. If you get lost, and ask for directions, we don't want you to be embarrassed.

Click here to see where we're at: <http://www.mapquest.com/?version=1.0&hk=8-cb8i>

HONDA CANADA SPONSORS CANADIAN DRIVER PAUL TRACY FOR THIRD YEAR AT HONDA INDY TORONTO AND EDMONTON INDY



Paul Tracy and Honda Canada unite again in support of Make-A-Wish® Canada to help make wishes come true for sick children

TORONTO, May 3 /CNW/ - Honda Canada Inc. announced today it will sponsor Canadian Paul Tracy's car for the third consecutive year, and will support Make-A-Wish Canada at the Honda Indy Toronto, set to run July 9 to 10 at Exhibition Place and the Edmonton Indy from July 22 to 24 at the City Centre Airport.

A native of Scarborough, Ontario, and 2003 Champ Car World Series champion, Tracy is one of the most successful and exciting drivers in the history of open-wheel racing. For the 2011 racing season, Tracy will pilot the #8 Make-A-Wish Canada/Dragon Racing/Honda/Dallara/Firestone car.

"At Honda, we believe in 'The Power of Dreams' as a way of thinking that drives us forward and is based on the visionary principles of our founder, Soichiro Honda," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president of Honda Canada Inc. "In accordance with that philosophy, we are thankful that we can help realize the dreams of Canadian children living with life-threatening medical conditions through our continued association with Paul Tracy and Make-A-Wish Canada."

There will be many opportunities for fans to donate to Make-A-Wish Canada at both the Honda Indy Toronto and the Edmonton Indy, and Honda Canada will match all donations dollar-for-dollar. Last year, more than \$112,000 was raised in support of Make-A-Wish Canada, and the team is committed to surpassing that amount in 2011.

"At Make-A-Wish, our primary focus is granting magical wishes of courageous children in need across the country," said Jennifer Ritter, CEO, Make-A-Wish Canada. "Our mission is made possible through our strong partners and we are extremely grateful for the generous support of Honda Canada."

Fans from Canada and abroad will watch with excitement as Tracy contests his 19th race in Toronto. He has finished in the top-10 a total of 11 times with eight top-5 showings, five podium performances, two wins (1993 and 2003) and one pole. At the Edmonton Indy, Tracy recorded a best finish of sixth the past two years and posted his best start (ninth) in 2009.

Tracy says he is looking forward to returning to and competing on his home turf. "I'm excited to be back and to show the fans what I've got," said Tracy, a proud father of two. "It's important for me to partner with Honda Canada, without which my support of Make-A-Wish Canada would not be possible."

About Make-A-Wish Canada

Make-A-Wish Canada is a dynamic wish-granting organization that brings hope, strength and joy to children across Canada living with life-threatening medical conditions. Along with the national office, seven independent regional chapters grant magical wishes to children in need from coast-to-coast. Make-A-Wish Canada is an affiliate of Make-A-Wish® International, the largest wish-granting organization in the world, making dreams and wishes come true for more than 250,000 children since 1980. To learn more, visit www.makeawish.ca.

About Dragon Racing

Dragon Racing is an IndyCar race team, owned by Jay Penske. Originally named Luczo Dragon Racing, it was started by Penske and Steve Luczo, the Chairman and CEO of Seagate Technologies. The team debuted in 2007 at the Indianapolis 500 with Ryan Briscoe at the wheel and finished fifth. In 2009 the team won rookie of the year with Driver Raphael Matos piloting the car. In 2011 the team has Paul Tracy running select races and will field two cars in the Indy 500. For more information contact: press@dragonracing.com.

Inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix September 2-4, 2011

The Baltimore Grand Prix will be a spectacular three-day "festival of speed" in downtown Baltimore, taking place September 2-4, 2011. It will be part of the **2011 IZOD IndyCar Series schedule** and the **2011 American Le Mans Series schedule**. The weekend event will feature world-class motorsports competition from several racing series, culminating in Sunday's IZOD IndyCar Series race. In addition to the high-speed thrills of professional racing, a wide variety of entertainment and activities will be scheduled for people of all ages to create an exciting three days of speed and entertainment.



The racetrack is a two-mile temporary street circuit in and around the Inner Harbor and Camden Yards, including sections of Russell Street, West Pratt Street from Paca Street to Light Street, along the Inner Harbor on Light Street, and up Conway towards the stadium. Although the race will be held on actual city streets, for one weekend this urban environment will be transformed into a world class racetrack with the best possible safety equipment and fan facilities

The Baltimore Grand Prix will be a full three days of racing and entertainment. In

addition to two headlining events the IZOD IndyCar Series and the American Le Mans Series, the event will feature three support series to ensure non-stop racing action on the track: the **Firestone Indy Lights Series**, the **Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear**, and the **F2000 Championship Series**.

In addition, live music will be available all weekend, including local artists performing throughout the day and major acts in the evenings. Fans will also enjoy visiting the Paddocks to see the race teams work behind the scenes, and taking in a wide variety of entertainment options in the Action Sports Zone, Party Zone, and the Family Fun Zone. The entire race area will be a lively festival packed with exciting attractions, interactive exhibits, and great food and beverage options.

Baltimore was chosen for a number of reasons. The IZOD IndyCar Series is attracted to the demographics of the Baltimore market, and contesting a race in the middle of downtown Baltimore is a very desirable prospect for the Series' sponsors, teams, and fans. Baltimore's Mid-Atlantic location and proximity to key markets such as Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington, D.C. greatly adds to the city's appeal. The Inner Harbor area has all of the key ingredients for a world-class street racing event, including abundant hotels and restaurants, facilities such as the Baltimore Convention Center and Camden Yards, and a beautiful waterfront setting. Lastly and perhaps most importantly, Baltimore has benefited from a very strong leadership team including members of Baltimore Racing Development as well as city and state leaders.

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