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META meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except December. Publication deadline is the 30th of each month. Submissions may be e-mailed to the Editor.

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Speed Reading

Nov 12	ICSCC Banquet - SeaTac Marriott		Seattle, Wa
Nov 19	VRCBC Gala Banquet – Delta Town and Country Inn	5:00	Delta, BC
Nov 20	CACC Fall Meeting – Delta Town and Country Inn	10:00am	Delta, BC
Nov 23 AGM	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Dec 10&11	Ice Race # 1 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC
Dec 31 & Jan 1 & 2	Ice Race # 2 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC

Note that Ice Races are subject to Ice and Weather conditions.
Please check the website <http://www.carsonice.ca/> before traveling.

Annual General Meeting

*META's Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday November 23*

*Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia St, New Westminister
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*

Presidents Report

Elections, elections, elections – yes, it is that time of the year and I hope that we can fill all the positions at the next meeting. Forty-five years of META – the only race officials club in North America – therefore it is very important to keep the club going. Here are some of the club's accomplishments:

Our own clubhouse, training program, and marshal manual, FIA/CACC marshal license after 20 years of fighting for it, a club that is recognized nationally and internationally for good experienced volunteers, especially in Washington, Oregon and California states, and the META logo is known around the world. So you can see how important it is to keep the club going.

2017 will be a new year and of importance is there may be a few changes in worker stations around the track at Mission which will be a new experience for us. New year – new challenges.

On November 5 at 10 a.m. let's give the clubhouse a rest for over the winter, put up the supports for the roof, put rope around the exterior etc., give it a good cleanup. So if you have a couple of hours to spare, I hope to see you there.

Banquet, banquet, banquet. Jan 28th same place, same food and of course door prizes and surprises. Every year we are two or three people short of getting the room free, so folks let's try to fix that problem – bring your grandpa, grandma, neighbour, sponsor – anybody! All the people who won a trophy last year please bring it to the next META meeting so we can add the name of the new winner.

It is time to recognize the members who have supported the club for umps of years, ie. Work parties, club meetings, working behind the scenes, showing up for races etc. Please submit your nominations for new honorary members before the end of the year and the Executive will announce the names of the recipients at the banquet.

So remember to support the club and show up on November 26th for the AGM as there are no proxy votes allowed.

Yours in the sport

Roger Salomon - The Prez

PS: Good news – Ann and Roger will hold their Open House on Saturday December 10th from 3pm onwards. We supply the food, bring your own drinks. Hope to see you all there.

From Cars on Ice website:

<http://carsonice.ca/announcements/cars-on-ice-2017-race-season-dates-have-been-decided>

Cars On Ice 2017 Race Season Dates Have Been Decided!

We have decided to get a jump start on the season this year. Over the last couple of years, due to melting ice conditions, the season has been cut short. This year we have decided to start in December to optimize the chances of having a full season. You will notice 2 long weekends in this year's schedule as well! Stay tuned for details on what we have planned!

-December 10 / 11

-December 31, January 1 / 2 - Long Weekend Special Event

-January 14 / 15

-January 28 / 29

-February 11 / 12 / 13 - Long Weekend Special Event

-February 25 / 26



ICEX (Solo) has been a very popular alternative to wheel to wheel Ice Racing in recent years. Typically running in conjunction with, but on a separate track, than the Ice Races. The following are the Specific Rules & Procedures for ICEX

Ice-X Supplementary Rules

- Racing is done in a run group A/B style. Drivers are required to work the track turn stations when not running.
- Pre-registration is required. Visit the registration section of the website to register. Please arrive early and make your way to the registration tent for sign in. You will receive your race number and vehicle tech inspection sheet.
- You will self your tech your vehicle in accordance to the tech sheet provided; once completed locate the tech inspector to have your vehicle signed off.
- All drivers are required to attend the mandatory drivers meeting. If you arrive late and miss the meeting you will forfeit your right to race for the day. Your entry fee will not be refunded.
- For the safety of those on the ice, headlamps must be illuminated when on the racing surface. Please refrain from using your flood lamps though. They look cool, but pose a risk of blinding turn workers if you are headed straight towards them.
- 5 second time penalty will be awarded for each cone or tire hit.
- 10 second penalty for missed gates.
- Vehicles which spin off track and become stuck will be towed out. Your first offense is free, your second will award you a warning. Your third offense will result in punishment for causing race delays. *Any driver who becomes stuck for a 3rd time will be required to wear a Halloween costume of our choice for the rest of the day.* Push your limits, but also know your limits.
- Hitting the timing boxes will immediately forfeit your racing for the weekend; you will be responsible for covering any costs associated with repairing/replacing the equipment. Your entry fee will not be refunded.
- Event organizers reserve the right to remove any driver from competition who appears to be driving out of control or posing a risk to other persons or equipment on the ice.



Notice of CACC Fall 2016 General Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Coffee served 8:30 – 10:00 AM)

Location: Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 Highway 17A (at Hwy 99), Delta, BC

Room: Ballroom

Lunch: A soup and sandwich buffet is available at a cost of \$8.00 per person

Proposed Agenda

1. President's Welcome
2. Reports from Affiliated Clubs
3. Discipline Meetings
4. **LUNCH**
5. Discipline Director Reports
6. Executive Reports
7. Old Business / New Business
8. **MotorsportReg** – How to....
9. Awards
10. **Karting Discipline Meeting**

Please advise **1) if you plan to attend the General Meeting and
2) if you will be joining us for the lunch buffet**

RSVP to Gayle Baird at secretary@caccautosport.org **BEFORE November 14, 2016**

In Honor of Remembrance Day, November 11, the following are several pieces submitted by the membership

Sion Robin Davies

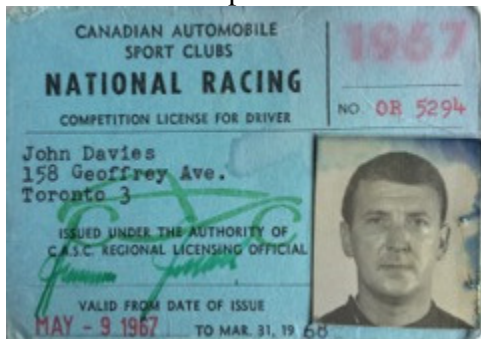
Royal Air Force: Regiment 510 8592

Born: July 1934 in Wales

Sion enlisted in the RAF regiment in January 1952, receiving basic training at RAF Catterick, along with junior garner and ground defense training before graduating as corporal. He joined the 11 Wing RAF Kimpo Airfield, Korea in 1952. He fought alongside the Republic of South Korean army and the US 1st Calvary south of Osan, during the retreat to Nuttang River. There his unit took up defense of Pussan. It was during these actions that he was awarded the military medal. When British and US forces advanced north, 11 Wing joined the 27 Battalion and he was promoted to Pilot Officer.

Mike Bailey

Sion raced at Mosport in an Austin Healey. This is his race license from 1967.



He told me a little about his life; wives, girlfriends, burning houses and stories of the merchant navy! He was an interesting and tough old bird who loved dogs, he'll rest in peace.

Keith Robinson

Submitted by Bryan Nuttall

The Significance Of The Last Post And Reveille

In a moment we shall play the last Post and Reveille and if you could bear with me a minute I would like to speak about the significance of these 2 musical pieces.

On April 28, 2002 there was a memorial service held in Edmonton, Alberta to honour the memory of the 4 members of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who were killed in Afghanistan... At the service the officiating Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain, Lieutenant Commander Catherine McKinnon provided a concise and clear explanation of the significance and meaning of the Last Post and Reveille which I shall repeat here for the benefit of all.

On Remembrance Day, at funerals or memorial services for veterans and ordinary members of the Legion where we remember our fallen comrades... The Last Post and Reveille are played.

These are two very powerful pieces of music... The Last Post is sounded first... It is a call that beckons all to stop and pay attention. Its melody is as familiar as the first bars of O Canada... The Last Post salutes those who have died and we in Legion dress salute as the bugle plays.

(Reveille Cont'd)

As the last note is carried away by the wind, a period of 2 minutes silence is observed.

Now the mood changes... the bugler sounds Reveille, but this time the notes are aggressive and vibrant... they break the sombre mood and we salute again... but this time we salute our comrades that we believe have risen from the dead... The Reveille is a French word that means to awake, to arise and is connected to the belief of life after death... This well-known tradition of Last Post... then remembering in silence... and then Reveille, puts into music a very natural process of grieving and recalling our fallen comrades while at the same time moving towards healing and hope.

Thank you for your indulgence.

Written by a member of the Mission Legion.

Submitted by Bryan Nuttall

In Flanders Fields

Written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

*Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Fields" on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who had died in the Second Battle of Ypres. "In Flanders Fields" was first published on December 8, 1915 in the London-based magazine **Punch**, apparently McCrae didn't like his work and had discarded it, and his fellow soldiers retrieved it.*

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



**Please join us for the annual ISCCC Banquet
at the SeaTac Marriott**

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Social Hour & Photo Booth 5:00 PM

Awards Dinner 6:30 PM



The 2016 Fall meeting of Race Officials Division will start at 9 am on Saturday November 12 2016 at the Seatac Marriott. I look forward to seeing many of you there for our usual lively discussion. Please let me know if there is something you would like to add to the agenda for the meeting.

On that same day at 6 pm there will be the annual banquet and awards ceremony. I hope that many of you will also be able to come to that event. Tickets are \$49 each and there are three menu choices this year. You can register through motorsportreg.com. For those of you who have worked enough races to qualify for a complimentary banquet ticket this year, and you have confirmed to me that you will be attending, I have passed your names on to the registrar. However, you will still need to register to choose your meal. When you reach the end where payment is requested, you will find that a credit has been processed so that your cost is zero.

Thank you to all of you for your support this year and I look forward to hopefully seeing you in November.
Sincerely

Ann Peters

ROD Director



Vintage Racing Club of BC

2016 Annual Banquet & Gala

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Delta Town and Country Inn, 6005 Highway 17 (at Highway #99), Delta, BC

www.deltainn.com

You are invited to attend the VRCBC's Annual Banquet. We'll be celebrating the end of another season's racing, and recognizing the competitors, volunteers, and friends who have contributed to another successful year. There will be a full buffet dinner in our private ballroom, wine on your table, our awards ceremony, and music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Schedule

5:00 pm Bench Racing (i.e., the bar opens)
6:15 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Acknowledgements, Speeches, Awards
8:45 to 11:00 pm Entertainment, Music, Dancing, Frivolity and more Bench Racing

Tickets are \$60 per person. Payment options:

- PayPal: Send payment to vrbc@shaw.ca.
(Please add 6% for our PayPal charges.)
- Cash, cheque, Visa, or Mastercard, in person at the door.
(Please make cheque payable to "Vintage Racing Club of BC.")

RSVP to Gayle Baird by Sunday, November 13th at the latest. (Contact information below.) Please provide the names of all those who will be attending, and your method of payment. You may invite as many guests as you wish.

Rooms are available at the Inn, with a discount for banquet guests (\$80 rate). To reserve a room, please call the Town & Country directly at 604-946-4404, and refer to "The Vintage Racing Club."

Contact

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Canadian teen Lance Stroll to be Formula One's youngest driver

At 18, Montreal's Stroll and will replace retiring Felipe Massa in the Williams lineup in historic year for Canadian racing.

By Norris McDonald Wheels Editor

Nov. 3, 2016

The announcement Thursday that 18-year-old Lance Stroll of Montreal will make his Formula One debut next year with Williams Martini Racing means 2017 will be a special one for Canadian motorsport.

It will mark the 50th anniversary of Formula One racing in this country.

- The first F1 Grand Prix of Canada, won by Jack Brabham, was held at Mosport Park on Aug. 27, 1967.
- It will be the 40th anniversary of the first F1 Grand Prix victory by a Canadian-owned racing team. Jody Scheckter, driving a car belonging to Walter Wolf, won the 1977 Canadian GP. It was the last race at Mosport before the Grand Prix was moved to its permanent home on Ile Notre-Dame in Montreal. It was also the debut F1 race for the brilliant Gilles Villeneuve, who finished 12th among 25 of the world's best.
- It will be the 20th anniversary of the first F1 world championship won by a Canadian driver. Jacques Villeneuve, son of Gilles, won the title in 1997 while employed by Williams, the same team that has signed Stroll.
- Finally, it will mark the debut of Canada's fifth full-time F1 driver after George Eaton, Allen Berg and the two Villeneuves.



Williams made the long-rumoured announcement in London that Stroll, who will be the youngest racer on the grid, will replace retiring Brazilian driver Felipe Massa, alongside team leader Valtteri Bottas of Finland.

Stroll has the *curriculum vitae* necessary for Formula One. He learned to drive a go-kart at age 5 when his father, Lawrence Stroll, a multi-billionaire who owns the legendary Quebec race course Le Circuit-Mont Tremblant, gave him one for Christmas. He started racing karts in 2008 and, after getting his feet wet, has been almost unstoppable since.

In 2010, for instance, he won four championships in four different series while racing in Florida during the winter. He

followed that by winning the Canadian national karting championship as well as the provincial Coupe de Quebec.

He was admitted to the Ferrari driver development program that same year and, after more kart racing in Europe, was moved by Ferrari into car racing, where he won the 2014 Italian Formula 4 Championship.

In 2015, he was the Toyota Racing Series champion (a winter series conducted in New Zealand) and spent his first summer season racing in European Formula 3, finishing fifth overall.

It was a learning year for him. He crashed several times and was suspended for a race for rough driving. But he rebounded this year and won 14 of 30 F3 races, including a sweep of the last three. His 20 podium finishes saw him crush the second-place finisher, Maximilian Gunther of Germany, by nearly 200 points — 507 to 322.

"I want to look at it like I'm starting from zero again," Stroll told reporters during a news conference in England. "What happened this year happened this year."

"I'm going to have to learn a lot of new things for next season," he added. "I'm a rookie; I'm going to make mistakes, going to learn in many areas and I'm looking forward to that."

Claire Williams, deputy team principal and daughter of team founder Sir Frank Williams, wrote in an email that she was delighted to have announced earlier in the day that Stroll had made the grade.

“Lance has impressed our engineers with his maturity, talent and enthusiasm,” she said. “We are pleased to be able to offer him the opportunity to step up and show what he can do in Formula One. He is still young and we are looking forward to seeing him develop as a driver.”

Paul Cook of Oakville, vice-president of competition and director of karting for Canada’s national motorsport authority, ASN Canada FIA, said Stroll “has it all” to do well in Formula One.

“He’s sharp as a tack, has the physical and mental characteristics of a champion and has the passion and drive to go to the top,” Cook said, adding that every once in awhile, someone really special comes along who turns heads.

Francois Dumontier of Montreal, promoter of the Grand Prix du Canada, wrote in an email that Thursday was a great day for Canadian racing because the Grand Prix would be able to feature a Canadian driver for the first time since Jacques Villeneuve retired in 2006.

“The fact that Lance is perfectly fluent in both of our official languages will help make him a very popular figure,” Dumontier said. “We will be celebrating ‘Fifty years of Formula One’ next year, so his arrival may be seen as a wonderful anniversary present for the most important sporting event in the country.”

From: <http://autoweek.com/article/formula-one/report-lance-strolls-father-spent-80-million-get-son-f1-seat>

Lance Stroll's father spent \$80 million to get son Williams F1 seat

Stroll named this week to drive for Williams F1 in 2017

November 4, 2016

Lance Stroll's billionaire father spent nothing short of an incredible \$80 million to help his 18-year-old son secure a 2017 Formula 1 seat with Williams F1.

That is the claim of Germany media outlet Auto Motor und Sport, as Williams confirmed this week the badly kept secret that the Canadian will race alongside Valtteri Bottas next year. At the reveal event on Thursday, one common theme was that, notwithstanding Stroll's dominant run to the European F3 title this year, he is nonetheless a pay driver.

"Everyone has their own opinion, I can't change that," Lance Stroll is quoted as saying by the Times. "I come from money, I am not going to deny that. But I believe I won my shot in F1 because I won every championship I have competed in in single-seaters."

But according to Auto Motor und Sport, that's not the whole story.

The report claims his father, the fashion mogul and billionaire Lawrence Stroll, bought the Prema F3 team and installed well-known Ferrari engineer Luca Badoer to oversee Stroll's rise. Young Stroll was then the clear No. 1 driver this year, benefiting from F1 engineers seconded to his F3 campaign and a special simulator installed at Williams' Grove base.

He also embarked on a round-the-world test program with a 2014 Williams, supported by a staff of 20, five Mercedes engineers and two engines prepared specifically by Mercedes. Stroll's F1 test program went to Silverstone, Hungary, Monza, Austria, Barcelona, Abu Dhabi, Austin and Sochi.

Williams' Pat Symonds admits: "The last rookie with that many kilometers of testing for his debut was Jacques Villeneuve."

Not only that, Lawrence Stroll paid for a new high-tech simulator at Williams' race shop, which Williams F1 drivers Bottas and Felipe Massa could not use throughout the year as it was calibrated for F3.

Lance Stroll told Germany's Auto Bild: "Motorsport is a sport where money is important, of course, so I'm very happy that my father helps me."

By GMM

From: <http://gotransam.com/news/index.cfm?cid=65732>

Trans Am Announces West Coast Expansion

October 3, 2016

Series will hold four-race West Coast Championship in conjunction with SVRA

MIAMI, Fla. [October 3, 2016] – After a nearly decade long absence, the iconic rumble of Trans Am engines will make its long-awaited return to the West Coast, with The Trans Am Race Company formally announcing an independent West Coast Championship for 2017.

A stand-alone competition, the Trans Am West Coast Championship will have its own points championship and will be independent of the Trans Am Championship—which is held primarily on tracks throughout the East Coast, Midwest and South. With the addition of a West Coast Championship, Trans Am aims to regenerate a historically vibrant competitor community on both professional and SCCA Club levels.

“The West Coast has always been core to the spirit of Trans Am,” said John Clagett, President of The Trans Am Race Company. “Some of the greatest races in Trans Am history took place on the West Coast, and some of our greatest talents called it home. From 1996 to 2005 nearly a quarter of all Trans Am events were held in the West, so many of our competitors and race shops were based there—the region is engrained in our history. The Trans Am West Coast Championship is the first of many steps towards rebuilding that core competitor base and making Trans Am a national brand for our stakeholders, drivers and fans.”

Trans Am will partner in the endeavor with the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), as it does for many of its events in the Trans Am Championship. The Series will continue with the format of 100-mile sprint races and will enforce a modified version of the 2016 Trans Am rulebook while staffing the events with core members of the Trans Am Series staff, including the Series’ Technical Director and Chief Steward.

“The timing is just right for Trans Am,” said Clagett. “The Trans Am Championship is stable and continuing to grow as we bring in additional marketing partners for 2017. Our relationship with SVRA has presented us with the opportunity to expand westward with minimal risk while providing the vital components for success, quality venues and competition platforms, while we work to rebuild Trans Am’s presence in a region it has historically called home.”

The 2017 Trans Am West Coast Championship:

Date	Venue
February 10-12	Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch
April 29-30	Auto Club Speedway
July 29-30	Portland International Raceway
November 4-5	Circuit of the Americas

ABOUT THE TRANS AM SERIES

The Trans Am Series, America’s Road Racing Series, began igniting the passion of motorsports fans across the world in 1966 and has been home to some of the greatest names in road racing. Today, Trans Am continues to honor its legacy, while challenging the status quo in racing, through meaningful racing platforms and a driver-oriented focus. The Trans Am Series is operated by The Trans Am Race Company, LLC (TARC), through a five-year agreement in which TARC oversees the management and marketing of the Trans Am Series. SCCA Pro Racing sanctions Trans Am events and provides operations services to the Series.

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing.

Please submit to Joe Proud at jjproudca@yahoo.ca

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 ____/____/____.
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Bernie Hamm
Auto Technician 'The Doctor'

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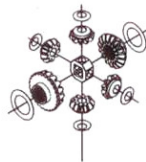
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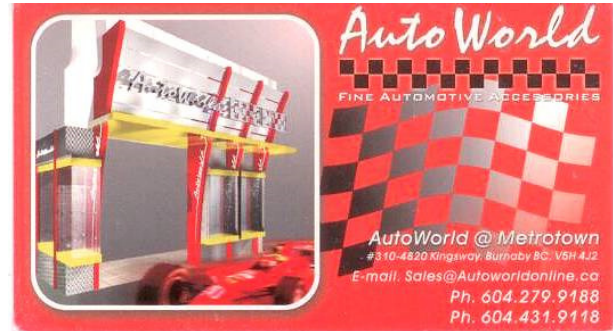
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