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Next META meeting will be

May 25, 2022

Our meeting location this month will be via Zoom Video Conferencing

SPEED READING

May 11	SCCBC Meeting – Via Zoom	7:00	Your House
May 14	Indianapolis Grand Prix	Indycar	Indianapolis, Ind
May 14&15	CACC Race #2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 14&15	ICSCC Race #3 & #4 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 14&15	Hoosier Super Tour– PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 15	Mid-Ohio Grand Prix	IMSA	Lexington, Oh
May 21&22	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 25	META Meeting – Via Zoom	7:00	Your House
May 27-29	ICSCC Race #5 & #6 & #7 – SCR	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
May 28&29	SCCA Majors Tour– PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 29	Indianapolis 500	Indycar	Indianapolis, Ind
Jun 3&4	NASCAR Xfinity – PIR	NASCAR	Portland, Or
Jun 3&4&5	Spokane Festival of Speed–SCR	SOVREN	Spokane, Wa
Jun 4	Detroit Grand Prix	IMSA	Detroit, Mi
Jun 4&5	Lucky Dog Racing-9+6hr – PR	LDR	Seattle, Wa
Jun 5	Detroit Grand Prix	Indycar	Detroit, Mi
Jun 8	SCCBC Meeting		
Jun 11&12	CACC Race #3 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 11&12	Vintage with Trans-Am – TRMP	SVRA	Shelton, Wa
Jun 12	Road America	Indycar	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Jun 18&19	ICSCC Race #8 & #9 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 22	META Meeting		
Jun 24-26	Speed Festival 2022 – MRP	Speed-Fan	Mission, BC
Jun 25&26	Lucky Dog Racing-7+8hr – PIR	LDR	Portland, Or
Jun 26	Six hours of the Glen	IMSA	Watkins Glen, NY

Note that schedule changes happen regularly.

Please check with the event organizer to confirm event status



***Sports Car Club of
British Columbia***

Presents

CACC Race #2

May 14 & 15, 2022

Presidents Report

Two things to write about this month- both sad unfortunately.

First of all, the passing of one of our founder members, Joe Proud.

As many of you will know, Joe passed away on April 15, 2022. He had been in poor health for some years and had been living in a care home in Langley for some time. He lost part of his leg to complications from diabetes about a year ago but even before that he had been deteriorating slowly and as one friend said recently the last few years of life were not kind to him and he deserved better.

But he never lost his enthusiasm for racing. He was always happy to talk about racing and enjoyed the racing magazines that were brought to him. He volunteered for most local racing events, including the Vancouver Indy race and was an encyclopaedia of knowledge about racing. He was a kind soul who enjoyed helping out charities and those in need.

He was instrumental in getting a group together to make a wheelchair ramp for one of his neighbours, much to her delight. For many years he was our club historian, keeping detailed records of club activities. He received many awards throughout his long association with our club and in addition, in November last year he became our first Emeritus member – another well deserved award.

He will be greatly missed by all of us. For those who would like to read his obituary or comment please follow this link <https://everloved.com/life-of/joe-proud/obituary/?flow=201>

The second sad news was that this year's Formula E race in Vancouver has been postponed until sometime next year. This will be a big disappointment to many who had been organizing the event and to those who had made plans to attend. We hope that the number of volunteers who had offered to help will still be interested in coming out to Mission to learn what we do and to learn how much fun and friendship there is to be had in the racing community. Let's all look forward to an exceptional event next year.

Yours in the sport

Ann

Hi folks

Only 2 days left to register for the SCCBC race weekend May 14-15.

You can register here at the Volunteer/Crew event <https://sccbc.motorsportreg.com>

If you have not already completed the annual waiver you can do so here <https://www.caccautosport.org/waiver>

Hope to see you all there.

Cheers

Pam Stec

Vice President's Report

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good April, many of you have already been out to the track once this year, for either an SCCBC practice day, the Driver's Training weekend, and/or the first CACC race of the year.

I was alone on Turn 8 for the practice day, which was fairly uneventful, other than Wynn Hollingshead getting used to his new formula car and continually stalling it (I think there were mechanical issues with it as well). Wynn still wasn't in tune with the car for the first race weekend of the year, and of course some formula cars do tend to be temperamental at best if you let the revs drop too far. I think he is much happier driving his Spec Miata (6 red), which he loaned to a novice on the Saturday of CACC race weekend.

I was working Turn 8 again on the Sunday of the driver Training weekend with Doris, although it is pretty clear my brain fades by the afternoon (ask her how many times she had to yell at me before I realized I had the yellow flag in my hand) I knew I wasn't going to be any use on the Saturday after putting in a full day at the Friday practice. That said, I am in better shape than I was a year ago, but if I do work a turn I need to limit myself to a half day for everyone's safety.

Sadly, my Grandkids were sick so they didn't make it out to the first race, which they had been looking forward to, in another 12 years Nia could be out there with you. Of course, my grandkids do like to share with me, so I've been fighting a cold since the Monday after race weekend 1 (sorry if I passed it on to anyone before I realized I had it) – I'm still hacking away.

For those that were wondering what was going on with the Camaro and Ryan O'Connor, besides being over on sound (111 dB the first time I think) we didn't think it was as thirsty as it apparently is (which could have something to do with its flame throwing capabilities). Bryan Hellevang did manage to get the sound down to 110, but ultimately, we need to put new mufflers on it (which I forgot to do over the winter). The new mufflers are ordered and paid for, so should be on the Camaro for race weekend 2. Most of you know Bryan has taken over doing much of the work on the car because I just can't do it anymore – I'm limited to picking away at Ryan's Datsun 510 project car.

By the time you read this it will be less than a week until CACC race 2 and another round of excitement. I hope everyone will have dusted off the cobwebs and we will see you on May 14 and 15. If anyone needs a place to stay on race weekends, I now live 6 minutes from the track and have a foldup bed (maybe not the best accommodation – but it is the right price). The only catch is that Nia and her little brother Zain often stay over Saturday night so they can go to the track on Sunday (they sleep on my bed and kick me all night – once they go to sleep, I sneak out to the love seat and fall asleep – if I can get away with it). Anyway, just let me know in advance if you are interested in that option and I'll reserve sleeping quarters for you in my den.

Track Walks & Inspections of Tire Bundles

I know I've covered track walks on multiple occasions, and I am guilty of not doing it as often as I should, but it always amazes me what ends up in the tires along the walls in turn 8, this probably has to do with the fact that Turns 7 & 8 (along with some new pavement) are used by drifters (probably on the Friday nights the drags don't happen), and they appear to be used as garbage cans. I've heard that other locations around the track can be just as bad.

Make sure that there isn't anything in tire bundles that can become a projectile (possibly one you will need to duck) if/when a car hits that tire bundle. Also, I've found tire bundles that have the drain holes at the top (they've been flipped over) so rainwater collects in them. These and any bundles that are no longer properly connected together should be rectified. Don't expect that this will happen right away (it is up to the Steward's discretion – usually based on the Chief of Safety's report, that can be verbal), often minor safety issues will be postponed to later in the day to keep things running either on schedule, or as close as possible.

Now that BC Custom Car is using their own people to do track set-up some things will slip through the cracks as the new people come up to speed. There is a lot involved in switching the track over to the racecourse configuration, then back again if they run Saturday Night Drags or Drifting.

Remember, Mission Raceway Park is a multiple use facility and is used by many clubs and organization. During late spring to the beginning of fall the facility is busy pretty much every day.

Remember, there is no safe place, just places that aren't visited as often by flying, spinning, or crashing race cars.

Speed-Fanatics Motorsports Circuit



By now most of you are aware that the road course is no longer River's Edge (a name that tended to get buried anyway), but Speed-Fanatics Motorsports Circuit. The details aren't public (at least not yet), but ultimately it had to do with upgrading the facility with cash infusion that was needed to move forward quicker than was otherwise possible, at least that is my understanding. The BC Custom Car Club has some serious plans to improve the facility.

Please make sure you refer to the road course correctly moving forward, it has a name, Speed-Fanatics Motorsports Circuit, and that name needs to be used so it becomes synonymous with road racing in BC.

Have fun and play safe!

Mike Bailey

Vice President



Racers, Mark Your Calendars

Speed-Fanatics Motorsports Club will be hosting their first race weekend of 2022 on Jun 24th to Jun 26th.

There will be a new and unique format of time trial competition, Honda Challenge, Miata Challenge, Formula Vee Challenge, Dash for Cash, Novice Racing, Touring Car (IPE A/B) Race, and a 5.5hr Enduro Race. Night racing will appear for the first time at Mission ever!

Stay tuned for registration details

<https://everloved.com/life-of/joe-proud/obituary/?flow=201>

IN MEMORY OF

Joe Proud

[Langley, BC, Canada](#)

September 23, 1944 - April 15, 2022

Joe's obituary

Joseph Edwin Proud, 77, of Langley BC passed away on April 15th 2022. Joe was born on September 23, 1944.

He loved cars and racing. He spent many weekends at the racetrack. He was an avid member of META, the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association. <https://meta.bc.ca/wordpress/> for many years. I remember going to the meetings with him as a child. He met many people and made long lasting friendships there.

He endured many health challenges but he always had a positive attitude and a particular sense of humor (hello dad jokes!) When we passed a graveyard, he always exclaimed "People are dying to get in there!" He cared so much for his family and insisted on making sure we got where we needed to go or picked us up safely.

He had a very kind gentle soul and enjoyed helping out charities that benefited children, which is why I chose the Variety Club to donate to in his memory, as he volunteered with them for many years.

He will be missed. I encourage you to please share your memories with Joe here, and donate in his memory.





Photo by Brent Martin

Volunteer Registration for Race Events

This is a call out to all our fabulous race event volunteers!

We have created a registration event for the race weekends on MotorsportReg at sccbc.motorsportreg.com

If you are coming out to the volunteer on a race weekend, you must complete the registration process so we know you're coming.

Thank you all and have a great racing season!

SCCBC Registrar

CACC Logbooks

Logbooks can be dropped in a box to be available at Tech (same as for the drivers logbooks) and the Steward or Course Marshal will sign for the event.

Drop them off in the morning and pick them up at the end of day

Joe Proud:

Jan 18, 1973-Founding member of META, first paid member of META.

Apr 1976-Co-editor of the first META Mayday
(Editor, co-editor, and reporter in later years.)

Jan 1983-First META Historian, continued until
2019

Mar 1990-Honorary META member

1997-META

Member of Year award

2000, 2012 & 2016-Rick Neyedli award

2009-Spirit award

Nov 2021-First Emeritus member of META



Mission – May 14 & 15, 2022 – CACC #2

Morning meetings will be at the META Club house at 8am, Cars will be on course at 9am.

Lunches will be provided (vegetarian included) as well as water. If you want snacks or specialty drinks please bring them yourself.

Remember to dress for the weather and plan to have some fun and hang out with a great group of people.

The May 14-15 race registration is now open on Motorsport Reg at this link sccbc.motorsportreg.com

Please note there are separate events for the Drivers and for the Crew/Volunteers.

If you haven't already signed the annual waiver you can find Speed Waiver here <https://cacc.speedwaiver.com/pnhlb>

For our new participants, **Welcome**

Please remember to wear light coloured clothing on the top. So, no blue, red, yellow, etc as you will look like a flag. Please remember to bring layers of clothes depending on the weather.

You will be paired up with seasoned corner workers so that they can pass on their knowledge to you. You will not be alone. Be prepared to meet a group of wonderful people.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Tasma

Seattle – May 14 & 15, 2022 – ICSCC #3 & 4

Hello everyone

The borders are open once again, and once again the race season is upon us.

IRDC is hosting the 2022 Tribute to Volunteers at Pacific Raceways on May 14 & 15. Morning meetings are 8am in the BBQ area. All tracks are having issues with conflicts, and IRDC is no different. As always your help at this event is greatly appreciated. It's a great weekend of racing not to be missed. Bruce Boyd will be Race Chairman and I will be returning as Flag Chief. My thanks go out to Mike Evans our Guest Flag Chief for filling in for me for the last 2 years.

Please pre-register on MSR ([IRDC May 2022 Race - Volunteer Signup](#)), this will include an electronic sign-up on SpeedWaver, please take advantage of that. You may be asked to sign a hard copy too, don't hesitate, the waiver is for YOUR benefit and having you do it electronically and physically is not a bad idea.

Look forward to seeing all of you again at the races.

Thomas Liesner

IRDC Flag Chief

Worker Profile From August 2000 Mayday

JOE PROUD

This year META is dedicating the clubhouse to the founding members. One of those members is Joe.

Born in Vancouver, most of his education took place in Merritt, which he considers as his home town.

Family – wife Sue, daughter Melissa, and Fred the cat.

Occupation - (former) Eaton's Brentwood service station,
Service writer for Auto Marine Electric,
Cashier for Petro-Canada.

Interests outside of racing-
Reading, gardening, and photography.

Regular duties at the track-
Scribe / timekeeper / asst. race control, after a full career as turn marshall,
communicator, flagger, and quick response.

How did you find out about race marshalling/ META?
In the spring of '68, a girlfriend who was a part time track worker, asked him out to
Westwood, and has been out ever since. His first race was at turn 4 with Rodney
Cockroft.
Just a note: at that time you worked the same turn all year long.

What do you find most gratifying?
The general ambiance of the track. The sights and sounds and the people.

Any pet peeve?
Radio systems that don't work and a lousy switching system.

Favorite Track
Westwood, then SIR and Laguna Seca.

Favorite Turn
Turn 4 at Westwood
Would like to work the Corkscrew at Laguna Seca.

Favorite First Year Event
Formula B, the cars that became Formula Atlantics.

<u>Favorite Food-</u>	English style halibut and chips
<u>Movie</u>	2001 A Space Odyssey
<u>Book</u>	Auto racing, Biographies of drivers, Sam Posie's books
<u>Car</u>	58 MGA Lottery car—Ferrari F-40 or Viper
<u>Relaxation</u>	Reading or TV in the evening, coin collecting.

Advice to new marshals

Learn the basics, flags and safety, then branch out into other duties, comm, quick response, and TM.

Most Embarrassing Racing Moment

Before a race at Westwood, he found the comm system did not work. Having enough time before the start of the day, Joe drove around to the tower, only he spun out on a small river crossing the track at the exit of the esses.

Biggest Thrill

First time as a Turn Marshal in turn 4 for an Atlantic race.

What would you like to have the opportunity to do?

He is happy doing what he is doing now.
If circumstances were different would like to try racing.

Fastest Car

Moretti's Porsche 934 twin turbo. Clocked at 245 MPH at Portland's turn 1, pre chicane.

Funniest Moment

In the early 70's, Rodney Cockroft was pacing a group of cars through turn 3. He saw a family of ducks crossing the track and stopped, scattering the field behind him. After the ducks were across, he continued, bringing the field up to speed.

Most Dangerous Event

Season of '69 in the apex flag station of turn 4. A Lotus Elan went flying over them at about 15 feet off the ground. They dropped and the car passed over, rolling itself into a ball. The driver walked away.

Most Awe-Inspiring

With Ron Snook in the Deer's Leap station. The 2nd lap of an Atlantic race one car went sideways and was t-boned by a second car. Both cars barrel rolled end over end. Both drivers were OK.

Accomplishments

Founding member of META along with Roger, Rick, Rodney Cockroft, Sue Green, Gary Noble, and others.
First paid META member.
Co-founder of the Mayday.
Has served on many committees and is club historian.

Submitted By Vic Kennedy
July 2000

From: <https://www.facebook.com/gary.kwong.505>

Big announcement:

April 5, 2022

Effective immediately, we have become the title sponsor of the formerly known Mission Raceway Road Course.

The course will be re-named as Speed-Fanatics Motorsports Circuit; together with stakeholders at Mission Raceway Park and BC Custom Car Club Association, we will be driving forward to improve the facility.

Looking forward to see a lot more racing actions, driver education programs, and lapping days at our home track.

Our team has always treated the Mission Raceway Road Course as our home track. Today we can proudly say that we will be racing on our HOME track.

We are very thankful for the opportunity and along with SCCBC and CACC, we will be promoting BC Motorsports as a team.

Thank you for your attention

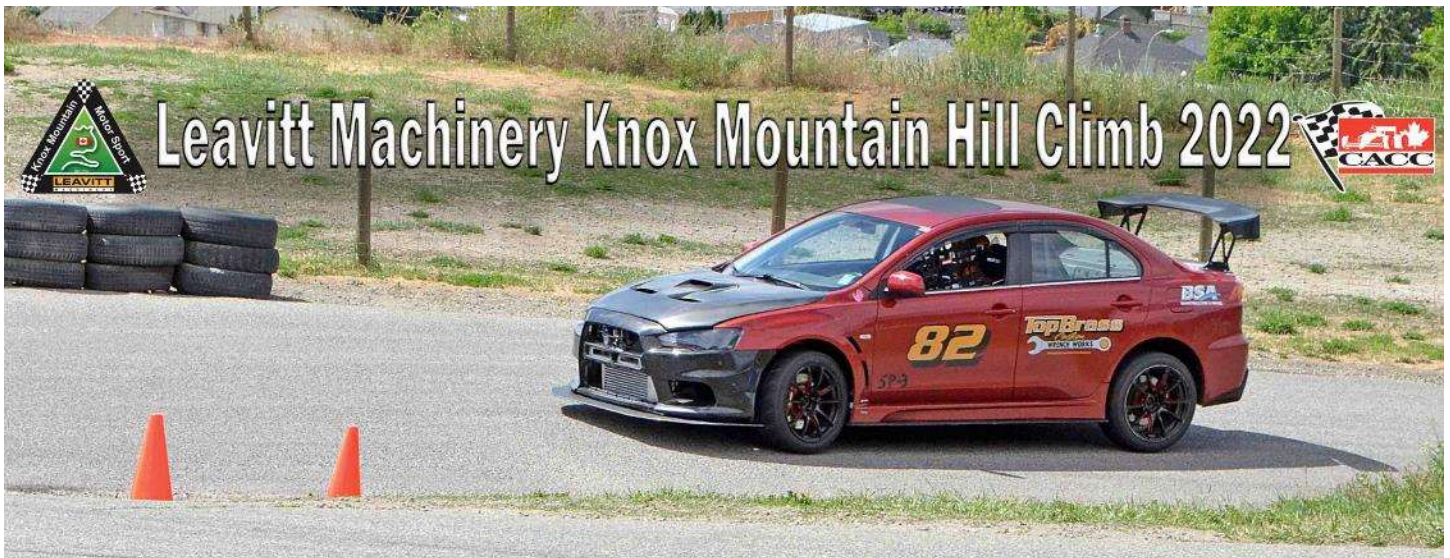
Gary Kwong

Team Principal

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Knox Mountain Hill Climb 2022

Sat, May 21 - Sun, May 22

Please join us on May 21st and 22nd 2022 for the 63rd running of the Knox Mountain Hill Climb. The Leavitt Machinery 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%.

Running for the 63rd year, Knox Mountain is the longest annually running paved hill climb 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 1:37.065, 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.

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/leavitt-machinery-knox-mountain-hill-climb-2022-park-motor-sport-564716>



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