1973 – 2023 50 Years of Safety in Motorsport

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Produced in Canada.

Next META meeting will be

August 23, 2023

Our meeting location this month will be via Zoom Video Conferencing Meeting invite/link will be sent by email the day before the meeting

SPEED READING

Aug 9	SCCBC Meeting – Via Zoom	7:00	Your House
Aug 12	Indianapolis Grand Prix #2	Indycar	Indianapolis, Ind
Aug 12&13	ICSCC Race #12 & #13 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 12&13	Karting #7&8 - GM Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 19&20	CACC Race #5 – SFMC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 23	META Meeting -Via Zoom	7:00	Your House
Aug 26&27	ICSCC Race #14 & # 15 – TRMP	IRDC	Shelton, Wa
Aug 26&27	Karting-Rotax Finals-GM-Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 27	Virginia Grand Prix	IMSA	Alton, Va
Aug 27	Gateway Grand Prix	Indycar	Madison, III
Sep 3	Portland Grand Prix	Indycar	Portland, Or
Sep 3	Karting #9 - GM Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 9&10	Lucky Dog Racing-7+8hr – TRMP	LDR	Shelton, Wa
Sep 9&10	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Sep 10	Weathertech Grand Prix – Laguna	Indycar	Salinas, Ca
Sep 13	SCCBC Meeting		
Sep 16&17	ICSCC Race #16 & #17 – SFMC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 16&17	Double Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Sep 17	Indianapolis Roadcourse	IMSA	Lexington, Oh
Sep 23&24	Fall Finale – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 24	Karting #10 - GM Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 27	META Meeting		
Sep 29&30	Pacific Forest Stage Rally	WCRA/CRC	Merritt, BC

Please check with the event organizer to confirm event status



CACC Race #5

August 19 & 20

Speed Fanatics Motorsport Circuit, Mission, BC



META IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SAFETY IN MOTORSPORTS !!



COME JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION BBQ STEAK DINNER

Saturday, August 19th at 6:00 pm META Clubhouse

Tickets available through meta.bc.ca

Hope to see you there!

Presidents Report

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good July. Most of the 2023 season is behind us.

The next event at Mission is on the August 19/20 weekend, which is our 50th anniversary BBQ weekend.

For a full list of CACC events go to the CACC calendar: https://www.caccautosport.org/events.

For a full list of ICSCC (Conference) events go to https://www.icscc.com/season.php.

Don't forget there is a Conference race at Mission on September 15, 16,17 – Friday September 15 is a test and tune day, so only a few volunteers are needed.

SCCBC's CACC Race 4 and More

I took this weekend 'off' to look after grandchildren, crew for Martin Philips (11 yellow FF), and monitor the Camaro that Ryan O'Connor and I co-own with Ryan driving. Sadly, the day ended early for the Camaro as gaskets and oil seals started leaking. Although not bad leaks, we felt it was prudent to call it a day rather than risk oiling the track.

I understand the Vintage group got a green flag on at least one of their races in spite of them being a bit strung out. In my vintage update I've made it clear that they need to up their game.

I know from watching many starts this year they are not the only group that needs to up their game – in fact two of us stewards had a chat with a couple of Formula F drivers about proper start procedures.

If you want to know what I had to say to the vintage guys, go to https://mailchi.mp/vrcbc.ca/vrcbc_august_2023-update-1.

What I said in my Vintage Update about reading regulations (both CACC/ICSCC and the Supplementary regulations), and understanding the intricacies, applies to us too.

Sometimes we just learn regulations through osmosis, and I'm just as guilty as the next person, but often doing this we do not fully understand them.

Drivers who know the regs will often run to the fine edge of them if they think there is an advantage. I've run into this a few times as a Steward, but must enforce the regulations as written, with some being **not** well written.

Therein lies some frustration when a driver (successfully or otherwise) pushes the interpretation of the regulations as written. As Stewards we don't even pretend to have the regulations memorized, when there is an issue, we always look up the applicable regulation(s) and carefully read them before making a decision. Sometimes it isn't fair, and sometimes we suspect that a driver is using a poorly written regulation to an advantage, but we have to work with what we have.

When poorly written regs are noticed it is an opportunity to bring them forward for a re-write. We have made it clear to at least one driver that we considered their actions to be at least bordering on Poor Sportsmanship, and there is a regulation to cover that – and it can include a fine.

If you ever think a regulation needs to be rewritten or updated, it is easy to put in a request for CACC (I don't know the procedures for Conference) by going to https://www.caccautosport.org/cacc-rule-change-proposal/.

The changes to the GCRs (General Competition Regulations) are controlled by the CACC Board of Directors but changes can be suggested by anyone holding a CACC license, others are voted on by the discipline affected (e.g., the Race Regulations are voted on by the Race Discipline).

META's 50th Anniversary BBQ

The big weekend is coming up fast, have you bought your tickets yet? If not, why not?

We have past members coming from as far away as Mexico and a few more traveling from elsewhere to attend.

The invite is going out too many past drivers as well, some who haven't raced since the Westwood days.

This should be a big event.

DON'T MISS IT.

Have fun and play safe!

Mike Bailey

President

Vice Presidents Report

The next CACC weekend is on August 19th and 20th and we hope that as many of you as possible will attend, especially as we will be having META's 50th anniversary celebration on the Saturday evening.

The barbecue will begin at 6 pm (racing is scheduled to end around 4:30 that day).

We know already that people are coming long distances to be there, which is wonderful to hear.

Besides dinner, there will be entertainment from a mystery MC - wonder what antics he will get up to this time.

As well as many old photographs and memories to be shared.

Be sure to come and join us to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Stories always welcome and some of them may not even be about Roger!

In July, Roger and I were fortunate enough to be able to go to the HSCC Legends at Brands Hatch Superprix weekend. There were some beautiful cars racing on the full Grand Prix course and lots of good passing going on. We were able to go to most parts of the track, including the paddock and garages, and see cars close up. There was some very interesting machinery there!

We also met up with Philippa Lynch, a fellow marshal from the UK who we originally met at a race in Las Vegas. Her husband Simon was there too but we never saw him as he was on one of the rescue trucks around the course. It was good to see Philippa again.

All in all, we had a very good visit.

Hope to see you at the track in a couple of weeks.

Ann Peters

Vice President

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



META (Motorsport Emergency & Turnworkers Association) is celebrating 50 years of "Safety In Motorsports",

and has 50th anniversary merchandise made to celebrate. Come by the META clubhouse (west end of the paddock) at lunch time to purchase.

50th Anniversary merchandise (one patch and 2 decals) \$10



Patch Decal



Attention Volunteers

Our CACC #5 race event is only 12 **DAYS away.** Registration will be closing on August 17th. **PLEASE register early.** That makes it easier for us to be ready for you when you arrive at the gate.

The Motorsport Reg link for SCCBC events is always https://sccbc.motorsportreg.com.

There are separate events for Drivers and for Crews/Volunteers.

WAIVERS - All participants entering hot areas must have registered and have a valid 2023 annual CACC waiver.

The link for the waiver is https://waiver.caccautosport.org

EVENT INFORMATION - The link to the **Event Package** is here **Event Package**

Take the time to fully complete the Motorsport Reg entry form, including which days you are available and which area you prefer to be in.

Contact registrar@sccbc.net if you have any issues registering.

FOOD SERVICES - TBA

GATES WILL BE LOCKED AT 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

If there are drags on Friday night our paddock entrance gates will be locked at 9 p.m. and opened at 7:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you at the track.

Cheers

Pam



The INTERNATIONAL RACE DRIVERS CLUB Love and Thunder on the Ridge 2023 Tribute to the Volunteers

A Double Race Weekend Plus, Round 7 of the

Northwest Mini Enduro Championship Series

The Ridge Motorsports Park, August 26 & 27 2023

Drivers Registration: https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/tribute-to-volunteers-drivers-ridge-motorsports-park-road-course-irdc-events-858339

Volunteer Registration: https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/tribute-to-volunteer-sign-up-ridge-motorsports-park-road-199861

We appreciate your help and support with putting on this and all of our events.

If you are able to assist at the track on either day please sign up.

There will be great racing plus....

- 1. Social and Dinner Saturday night
- 2. Compensation for mileage expenses for those living over 60 miles from the track
- 3. Lunch provided each day
- 4. Cash Raffles!
- 5. Amazon Gift Cards for all volunteers!

METAHistory

1973 -2023

1997

President - Marc Rovner
Vice President - Irene Chambers
Secretary - Karen Forward
Treasurer - Ann Peters
Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Joe Proud
Rookie of the Year - Rob McAllen
Non-Member of the Year - Al Ores
Buzz Beley Award - Roger Salomon
Membership - 91

January

1996 Annual awards banquet held at Venus Place Restaurant, New Westminster, 70 people attended. Trailer/clubhouse has been moved into its permanent position.

February

Teddy bear hug fund proposed as a fundraiser

March

Legend Race inside BC Place. Strong turn out of workers. Club purchasing 30 folding chairs & 4 tables.

April

META Car Rally

1998

President - Marc Rovner
Vice President - Fran Pelletier - January-October
Secretary - Don Souter
Treasurer - Charmaine Meakings
Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Thomas Liesner
Rookie of the Year - Angus Glass
Non-Member of the Year - Christy Hews
Buzz Beley Award - Don Liebich
Membership - 95

January

1997 Annual awards banquet held at Sheraton Guildford Inn, Surrey. 2nd casino night

April

Teddy Bears donated to "Women in Crisis"

May

Website domain name to be Meta.bc.ca

June

META Truck purchased with casino money

September

META hosts 25th Anniversary party at track (120 expected attendance) Charmaine Meakings arranged rental of tent, tables, chairs, lighting. Molson donated beer.

Marc Rovner organized meat (steak & chicken).

Ann Peters arranged condiments & salads.

Roger Salomon made cake.

Russ Mitchell, Marc, and Roger, cooks.

Fran Pelletier & Ann, salad servers.

Fran, bun server.

2 Go-karts for timed runs.

Goodies & draws for the workers.

1999

President - Don Liebich

Vice President - Ann Peters

Secretary - Tom Sproule

Treasurer - Charmaine Meakings

Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Brian Meakings & Mike Zosiak

Rookie of the Year - Bob Manaton

Non-Member of the Year - Dave Weibe

Buzz Beley Award - Vic Kennedy

Rick Neyedli Award - Bryan Nuttall

Membership - 99

January

1998 Annual awards banquet held at Royal Towers Hotel, New Westminster.

May

First VRCBC race at Mission.

October

META promotional video finished.75 copies ordered. Andrew Clouston as Mayday editor reports META's new computer is operational.

December

Rick Neyedli passed away

2000

President - Ann Peters
Vice President - David Bell
Secretary - Jo Adair
Treasurer - Charmaine Meakings
Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Ann Peters & Thomas Liesner
Rookie of the Year - Safer Wilson
Non-Member of the Year - Ann Josel
Buzz Beley Award - Charmaine Meakings
Rick Neyedli Award - Joe Proud
Membership - 93

January

1999 Annual awards banquet held at Royal Towers Hotel, New Westminster. Brian Meakings donates perpetual trophy in memory of Rick Neyedli

March

Monthly meeting, "no gavel as it was in David's briefcase when it was stolen!" Clubhouse dedicated:

"This building is dedicated to the founding members of META, without who's fore-thought and determination this club would not have been possible. What we have achieved, we owe to those who started the <u>Motorsport Emergency</u> and Turnworkers Association."

April

Plaque honouring Rick Nevedli unveiled at track.

May

Monthly meeting, "We have a gavel" Beach umbrellas purchased for turn stations. (5)

September

Mayday starts being sent via email or regular mail.

October

Awning and gas heater purchased for clubhouse.

November

META members in conjunction with Variety Club build wheelchair ramp for needy family. Mary-Margaret Beley passed away. Membership dues increase to \$20

2001

President - Bernice Zosiak
Vice President - Gerry Lomas
Secretary - Krystina Mitchell
Treasurer - Angus Glass
Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Genevieve & Ruthie Iwata
Rookie of the Year - Tasma Wooton
Non-Member of the Year - Dave Nex
Buzz Beley Award - Brian Meakings
Membership - 98

January

2000 Annual awards banquet held at Best Western, Coquitlam.

April

Clubhouse awning put up.
META volunteered to paint curbs on track.
Clubhouse dedicated to founding members of META.
Gas heater not approved by BCCCA, install put on hold.

May

New fridge and freezer purchased for clubhouse.

September

Bob Randall inducted into GVMPS hall of fame Heater at clubhouse not allowed, returning for refund.

(Note: Earlier history is in previous Mayday's, later history will be in future Mayday's)











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*** No Minutes due the July meeting being cancelled ***