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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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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

Jul 8&9	Rose Cup – PIR	FOPIR	Portland, Or
Jul 9	Grand Prix of Mosport	IMSA	Bowmanville, Ont
Jul 12	SCCBC Meeting		
Jul 15&16	ICSCC Race #7 & #8 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Jul 16	Toronto Indy	Indycar	Toronto, Ont
Jul 16	Karting #6-GM Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 22	Lime Rock Park	IMSA	Lakeville, Ct
Jul 22	Iowa Speedway – Race 1	Indycar	Newton, Iowa
Jul 22&23	CACC Race #4 – SFMC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 22&23	Vintage Racing Festival – PIR	SVRA	Portland, Or
Jul 23	Iowa Speedway – Race 2	Indycar	Newton, Iowa
Jul 26	META Meeting - Cancelled		
Jul 28-30	ICSCC Race #9,#10,#11 – QRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Aug 5&6	Double Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 6	Road America	IMSA	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Aug 6	Streets of Nashville	Indycar	Nashville, Tn
Aug 9	SCCBC Meeting		
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, Ill

Please check with the event organizer to confirm event status



**Please take note there will
NO META Meeting
in July**

Presidents Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a good June. We are at the midpoint of the racing season already. CACC Race 3, on June 23/24, was interesting to say the least, and SOVREN's big event of the year, the Pacific Northwest Historics on June 30 to July 2, 2023 was fantastic. The next CACC race is July 22/23.

Check the calendar at the front of the Mayday newsletter for more events coming up.

CACC #3 (June 24/25)

Sadly, there were two injuries on the Saturday of the June 24/25 weekend, unfortunately I haven't heard any updates on the drivers and can only hope they are recovering.

Several 'speeding in the pits' infractions occurred as well, and were dealt with.

There was also a pace lap that was less than stellar, and a reminder that too many drivers only know the regulations through osmosis.

Just as a reminder (in case you don't look up the race regulation), although P1 sets the pace, it must be a reasonable speed and in the view of the stewards on the weekend it should also be a consistent speed.

I've concluded that most driver don't know the GCRs, the Race Regs, or the supplementary regs, at least not very well (assuming they have read them at all).

One driver, that seems to have not even breezed through the regulations is now on the borderline of being sent back to the novice program.

I'm telling you all this to remind you that your reports are looked at seriously, and we also look at video evidence if available, which most times proves a driver's guilt, but on occasion, like a racing incident in Turn 1 proved a driver's innocence and caused us to suspect another driver had no place to go causing the incident. Don't get me wrong, your reports are important, and are taken as part of a bigger picture, but, when possible, we like to see as much raw (unedited) video of an incident as we can get, this has to do with viewing perspective and the fact that we can only see what appears to be going on from our vantage point, we are always trying to make a fair decision based on all the facts.

I suspect that at least part of the weekend saw some competitive and good racing. As the event Steward, I missed too much of it taking notes and dealing with drivers.

Pacific Northwest Historics (June 30 – July 2)

3 days of fun and exciting vintage racing was had in Seattle (Kent Washington to be precise). We had a strong showing of Canadian drivers to make us proud (and yes, they need our entries as much as we need theirs).

VRBC member Steve Anthonsen and I were on Turn 5 on Friday, and on Turn 6 on Saturday and Sunday.

Both turns were just below where we were camped. The Americans we talked to were all very thankful for our help and experience.

Saturday was the eventful day with two or three big incidents. However, the only one with injuries requiring hospitalization was when Canadian Gord Houghton crashed into the kink before turn 1, doing significant damage to his green Sunbeam Tiger. When I conversed with Gord via email on Monday he expected to be in hospital for a few more days before staying with a friend down there until he was able to handle the 3-hour car ride home. My understanding is that his car was already on its way home by the end of racing on Saturday. Another BC driver that got in a tangle was Aaron Robbins who was hit in the side of his Formula Vee on Saturday.

I traveled down to Pacific Raceways with Steve Anthonsen, towing my (new to me) 2007 Honda Fit (which will be my vehicle when I'm in the lower mainland) behind his camper. Our trip down was uneventful enough, and we set up camp behind one of the stands by the tower. Once we leveled the camper, we relied on my Honda to get us around. The trip back however was not uneventful though, (yes, this is another saga in the adventures of Steve and Mike) all was fine until we stopped for gas near Bellis Fair Mall, where we filled up both Steve's truck and my Honda with the cheaper US gas.

As soon as Steve started his truck to do the last leg home there was a big bang and it sounded like he blew a hole in the exhaust system somewhere under the hood. Upon inspection we discovered that a sparkplug had blown out of one of the aluminum heads. Although the truck was significantly down on power, we did manage to limp back to Steve's place with the Honda on the trailer and the heavy vintage camper on the back of the truck.

The camper is one that Steve built back in the early to mid 70's when he was working for a camper company, he stumbled on it for sale a few years ago and had to buy it, it has since had some restoration work done on it.

My New Home

As I finish this report, I am back home in Fort St. John and resting up before I head out camping at Charlie Lake later today, which will include some fishing, which reminds me, I need to renew my fishing license.

I've already booked my next two trips down to the lower mainland, although I probably only be a spectator as I hope to be bringing my grandkids in Vancouver out to the track. They have commented on the fact that they have missed all the race weekends so far this year. My hope is that they become future track rats, either as volunteers, competitors, or pit crew.

Have fun and play safe!

Mike Bailey

President

Vice Presidents Report

Plans for our 50th anniversary celebration on August 19th are under way. We have hired Valley Caterers to do a deluxe barbecue for us at the end of the day's racing and tickets are now on sale at

<https://meta.bc.ca/wordpress/donations-store/>

Tickets are \$40 each – we hope that members past and present, and drivers and crew will support our celebrations.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the last CACC weekend so I have no report on that but look for a piece next month on the HSCC Legends of Brands Hatch Superprix weekend. Roger and I plan to be there and I will take photos and make a report on the event.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer and please come out to support all of us - META, SCCBC and CACC at the various events this month.

Ann Peters

Vice President

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 !

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



The 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 at lunch time to purchase.

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



Patch



Decal



The S.C.C.B.C. presents CACC #4 - July Grand Prix

A CACC Sanctioned Event

Featuring Vintage Racing on Sunday

This is a championship event!

July 22 and 23

Speed Fanatics Motorsport Circuit, Mission BC

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, please complete the registration process so we know you're coming.

You do not have to have a CACC license to be a volunteer, but you do have to sign the electronic waiver found here: <https://waiver.caccautosport.org/>

The insurance company will not accept paper waivers anymore so getting this done ahead of time makes everything go much smoother.

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



I hope everyone has been having a good start to their summer. There have been a lot of opportunities to get out to your local track and have fun at the races.

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/race-two-2023-volunteer-sign-up-pacific-raceways-irdc-events-880304>

IRDC's next event is fast approaching, July 15 & 16 is hosting the IRDC Summer Classic at Pacific Raceways. Please use motorsportreg to sign up for the event. Lunches are provided for both days and a Saturday dinner. As always be prepared for changing weather conditions, right now long range forecast is for hot hot days. Bring extra munchies and drinks to get through the day.

Morning meetings are 800 AM in the BBQ area next to the playground. Your help to make these races happen is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Thomas Liesner

IRDC Flag Chief



GRAND PRIX
OF
PORTLAND

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for returning F&C and Safety marshals.

Join the fun today by applying through this link: msreg.com/GPP2023

After filling out the application, we will do our best to confirm your participation within two weeks, but it could take a little longer since we are just opening.

Thanks,
The Race Admin Team

META History

1973 -2023

1993

President - Roger Salomon
Vice President - Bonnie Healy
Secretary - Dani Kasburg
Treasurer - Ann Peters
Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Dani Kasburg
Rookie of the Year - George Chambers
Non-Member of the Year - Glenn Taylor
Membership - 97

January

1992 Annual awards banquet held at China Kitchen, Coquitlam.
Bob & Hilda Randall nominated for honorary membership, passed.

February

META purchases 2 blocks to support Mission track

March

META Car Rally:
META Members-1st-Don & Lise Leibich, 2nd-Lori & Devon Newby (helped by Stephen), 3rd-Rick & Jan Smale.
Non-META Members-1st-Brian Tournamille & Carol Gregory, 2nd-Dave Ledlin & Valerie Berry.

May

First race at Mission cancelled, replaced with Test & Tune.

August

META sponsors NWT car.
During IMSA weekend, NASCAR Northwest Tour driver, Pat Schwartzkopf, was selling sponsorship for \$25,00. Roger & Ann on behalf of META went for it. META's name will appear on the back of the car and we will receive a newsletter.

October

Recognition certificate suggested, 5, 10, years etc

November

Russ Mitchell motion META petitions City of Coquitlam for street to be named "Deers Leap"

1994

President - Ann Peters

Vice President - Thomas Liesner

Secretary - Sandy Meggyesi

Treasurer - Doris Gildemeister

Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Marc Rovner

Rookie of the Year - Tim Sparrow

Non-Member of the Year - Pedro Catalan

Membership - 102

January

1993 Annual awards banquet held at Venus Place Restaurant, New Westminster.

City of Coquitlam accepts Deers Leap as street name

May

First race at Mission.

July

First ICSCC race at Mission and official track opening. 38 workers.

October

4hr Enduro at Mission.

September

META Membership reaches 102 (93 regular, 9 honorary)

Steve Bibby & George Chambers planning a fireworks display for New Years at Ice races.

1995

President - Ann Peters

Vice President - Thomas Liesner

Secretary - Sandy Meggyesi

Treasurer - Doris Gildemeister

Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Pat Moffat

Rookie of the Year - Randy Raun

Non-Member of the Year - Lynn Yeo

Membership – 104

January

1994 Annual awards banquet held at Venus Place Restaurant, New Westminster.

Received casino license

Tim Sparrow created a "work of art" for the club. A beautiful carpet with the META logo inlaid.

March

META Car Rally:

META Members-1st-Steve & Nancy Bibby, 2nd-Brian Meakings, 3rd-Don & Lise Leibich.

Non-META Members-1st-DJ & Thomas Davis, 2nd-Sue Lawson & Patti Shandlow, 3rd-Greg Wong & Mark Dmytrenko.

April

Casino night.

May

Ian Wood becomes honorary member.

October

META Membership reaches 104 (94 regular, 10 honorary)

1996

President - Ann Peters

Vice President - Marc Rovner

Secretary - Bonnie Healy - January-March

Secretary - Irene Mitchell - March-December

Treasurer - Doris Gildemeister

Presidents Award (Member of the Year) - Thomas Liesner

Rookie of the Year - Manfred Zumm

Non-Member of the Year - Valerie Thompkins

Membership - 100

January

1995 Annual awards banquet held at Venus Place Restaurant, New Westminster.

February

Motion to have annual banquet held on Saturday following January meeting.

March

META Car Rally: 1st-Andrew Clouston & Karen Forward, 2nd-Don & Lise Leibich, 3rd-Rob Shyman & Leslie-Ann List.

April

New Worker of the Year plaque

May

60 workers at last Mission race, not including e-crew.

June

Approval from gaming commission to purchase trailer for clubhouse
Approval from Custom Car Club through SCCBC to place new clubhouse on site.
Kedre Murray to set up META website

July

New flags ordered (58)
Motion to sell embroidered names on flags as sponsorship for \$20/flag (29+)
Trailer purchased for clubhouse. (10 x 40)
Steve Bibby & Don Leibich to set up cooking facilities on beach at Mission for next race weekend, all welcome to join.

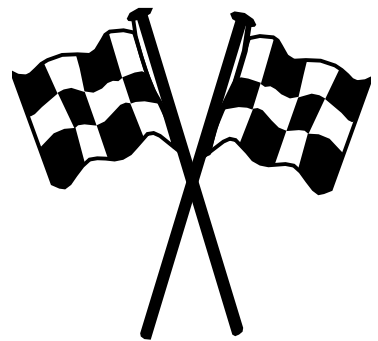
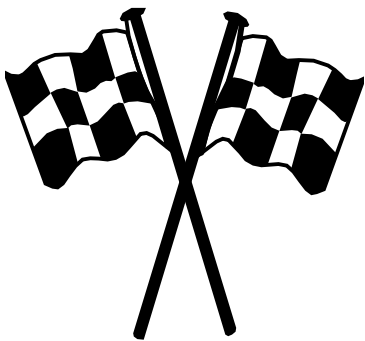
September

Lynn Yeo offered to make flags during winter season.
Tina Goertz to do embroidery.

October

Buzz Beley passed away
Committee to help Kedre set up website: Vic Kennedy, Mike Zosiak, & Barb Moewes.

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



Bernie Hamm
Auto Technician 'The Doctor'

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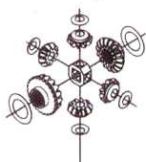


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