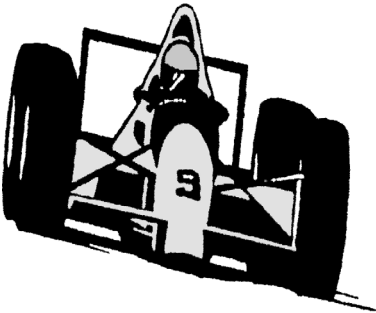




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SPEED READING

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	LOCATION
Aug 2-4	SCCA	Regional	Portland, OR
Aug 3-4	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, B.C.
Aug 5	SCCBC	Vintage/Driver Training	Mission, B.C.
Aug 10-11	VMSC	ICSCC - tentative	Victoria, B.C.
Aug 17-18	IRDC	ICSCC	Seattle, WA
Aug 17-18	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
Aug 30	TC	Driver School	Port Orford, OR
Aug 31 Sept 1-2	TC	ICSCC	Port Orford, OR
Aug 31 Sept 1-2	IndyCar	Molson Indy	Vancouver, B.C.
Sept 7-8	SCMA	Hill Climb	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Sept 7-8	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
Sept 7-8	SCCA	Double Regional	Portland, OR
Sept 14-15	CSCC	ICSCC	Portland, OR
Sept 21-22	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, B.C.
Sept 21-22	Sovren	Vintage	Seattle, WA
Sept 27	TC	Driving School	Portland, OR
Sept 28-29	SCCA	Regional	Bremerton, WA
Oct 5-6	IRDC	ICSCC	Seattle, WA
Oct 11-12	CSCC	Endurance Race	Portland, OR
Oct 13-14	SCCBC	ASN Regional/Enduro	Mission, B.C.
Oct 19	IRDC	Endurance Race	Seattle, WA
Oct 26-27	SCCBC	Endurance Race	Mission, B.C.
Oct 26	TC	Driving School	Portland, OR

**All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice **

August Meeting

Remember that the August Meeting will not be on Wednesday but on Thursday August 29.

Car 88, where are you

On Wednesday July 17th, one day after returning from racing in Oregon and California, Ian Wood's race car, trailer and tow vehicle were stolen from his Vancouver home. On Sunday July 21st the car, minus it's radiator and fiberglass body, were found. Glen Bennett of Surrey found the car in a ditch near his home at 123rd Street and 114th Avenue. His trailer and tow vehicle were found on Saturday, but his race suit, helmet and some tools are still missing. Ian expects to have the car ready to race for the September race.

July 17, 1996

Hi E-Crew:

Registration for the Vancouver Indy is at the SEAFORTH ARMORY Not at the location of last years Indy. The Seaforth Armory is located at the foot of the Burrard St. Bridge, next to Molson Brewrey (go figure).
1650 Burrard St. Vancouver (604) 733-3836

Times for Registration:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28	THURSDAY AUGUST 29	FRIDAY AUGUST 30	SATURDAY AUGUST 31
12:00pm - 2:00pm 4:00pm - 8:00pm	11:00am - 2:00pm 4:00pm - 8:00pm	7:00am - 10:00am	7:00am - 8:30am

MEETING TIMES FOR VANCOUVER INDY: (all locations are at pit in)

FRIDAY AUGUST 30	SATURDAY AUGUST 31	SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:30 AM

Support Races Are:

S.C.C.B.C. Invitational (Sedan)
North American Touring Car Championship
Player's / Toyota Atlantic Championship

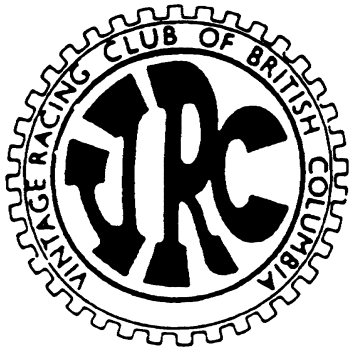
The good news is this year No Vests... Meeting times are Very Early and I am sorry for that. But I am told that free coffee and donuts will be supplied. PLEASE try to get to meetings on time. At least the First One!!!! To get your assignments. All Mission E-Crew members Must have 3 (three) Race Days To QUALIFY To Work at Vancouver. All Workers are assigned by a worked last year basis, that is the workers Last Year have the right to come back first, as long as they have worked Races, or have related experience, ie; Volunteer Fire Fighting / Search and Rescue / Ambulance etc. If you did not work last year please contact me at (604) 591-7213, If you have any questions please feel free to do the same. If you are available on TUESDAY AUGUST 29 any time during the day, PLEASE lend a hand at the Indy sight. The S.C.C.B.C. Office is located at the Plaza of Nations. Please check your worker package for any changes to above schedules.

yours in racing
MikeZosiak

TOP 9 WAYS TO COPE WITH STRESS

1. Use Your Mastercard to pay your Visa, and vice-versa
2. Pop some popcorn without putting a lid on it
3. Make a list of Things To Do that you have already done
4. When someone says "Have a nice day" Tell them you have other plans
5. Fill out your tax return using Roman Numerals
6. Go shopping - buy everything - sweat in it - return it the next day
7. Make up a language and ask people for Directions
8. Write a short story using alphabet soup
9. Stare at People through the tines of a fork and pretend they are in jail

Ruth Iwata



"..to restore, race, and exchange information...
concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles"

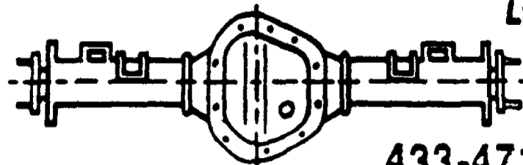
MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

IOCO HILL CLIMB

The BCMA is looking for workers to help at the IOCO HillClimb on September 6 and 7. Morning meeting is scheduled for 8:45AM. If you are interested in working contact Vic Kennedy at 876-5981.

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IAN WOOD, Grad. I.M.I.

July 6-7, 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics, SOVREN,
Seattle International Raceway

This weekend was something beyond my wildest dreams! I was pumped before I hit the road at 4 a.m. on a beautiful Saturday morning until long after the final race Sunday afternoon.

It's hard to know even where to start!

As previously arranged, I met Bonnie and Nick in Bellingham and followed them down the I5 to Kent. After breakfast and the workers' meeting, Bonnie and I headed down to the double hairpin at turn 3B which would be our home for the weekend, along with our fellow workers and many photographers.

This being only my second race as a cornerworker, everything was quite new and totally overwhelming. There were 8 groups altogether, ranging from vintage to historics to formula cars, sports racers and the exhibition group.

But nothing could have prepared me for the sight of some of my most memorable and favourite cars of the 60's: upwards of 30 beautiful Corvettes and Shelby GT350's winding their way down the hill into the first hairpin, rounding the corner and coming right towards us!

Our corner saw some spins, some cars go off and back on the track, others miss the first turn completely and some come to a complete stop. We had people hunting in the grass for bits of wire to put one car together so he could make it back to the pits. We witnessed the end part of a mix-up between the Cheetah and a Sunbeam Tiger which culminated in the Cheetah slamming backwards into the bank and his hood popping up.

And then there was the black Lotus who came around 4 times, furiously pointing at the track, even though it was clean. By Sunday he had calmed down and even waved to us as he went by.

The blue flag is still a challenge to be learned. There are those newcomers among us who sometimes get confused and blue flag the leader (no names mentioned, but I told you this was too good to leave out!!)

One of the highlights of the weekend, with many thanks to SOVREN for arranging it, was the 2-lap ride the drivers gave us Saturday after the race. My ride was a Datsun 1600, open cockpit. What a rush! - something long to be remembered!

We were then treated to a salmon barbecue. And, at one point that evening, I found myself an arm's-length away from Bobby Rahal.

And so ended a weekend I will never forget: nostalgia, beautiful hot, sunny weather, exhilarating noise and smells, and outstanding camaraderie!

Marilyn Lazorka

MINUTES - META MEETING JULY 25, 1996

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm with 33 members & 2 guests present. Tim Stark representing solo hillclimb and Vic Penner were the guests.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. It was moved Vic Kennedy, Brian Meakings that the minutes be accepted with the correction that the Membership Chairman position not be stated as vacant.
-motion carried

Treasurers Report: General revenue \$3,422.12, equipment fund \$78.25, term deposit \$15,300, gaming account \$11,060.79 for a total of \$19,811.15. Club received \$300 from Westwood Karting.

Correspondence: Many articles on workers from internet, article on workers from Province newspaper. Sympathy card sent to Calgary workers. Card for parents of worker killed at Toronto was at meeting for signing by members. Memorial service to be held at Vancouver Indy.

Social: Merchandise, beer and 50/50 draw for raffle.

Mayday: Could use more articles. Needs volunteer to do worker profiles, Karen offered.

Membership: 88 regular/10 honorary members

Historian: Have received new pictures from Thomas for photo album.

Training Committee: Importance of buddy system was reinforced after watching tape of Toronto Indy race. Much discussion of sad event. All new workers must attend meeting before Van. Indy. New workers will not do quick response.

Race Chairman: Not present.

Course Marshall: One person form each turn to volunteer to help with setup for REVV/META social after Sunday racing. Ann has registration forms for Indy, workers must confirm correct information on pre-printed forms or fill out form if new worker. Registration will be held at Seaforth Armory this year.

BREAK 8:15 - 8:30

Tim Stark addressed meeting requesting assistance with loco hill climb to be held Sept. 7/8. Morning meetings 8:45, see Vic to pre-register.

Old Business: Patches have been ordered & are cheaper than expected. Trailer has been purchased & will be set up at track before next race weekend. New flags have been ordered, A discussion ensued on selling sponsorship on flags. It was moved Roger, seconded Mike that META sell embroidered names onto flags at a cost of \$20.00/flag.
-Motion Carried

Old Business Con't: Member of the year plaque is being finished with name plates etc. Licence plate frames with META and Indy logos have been selected as the worker gift for Indy participants at a cost of aprox. \$1.38 each & have been ordered. Golf shirts with META logo have been ordered. Ray Stec (SCCBC President) thanked workers who rose to the occasion at the last ASN event at Mission. Pam Stec asked for clarification to be made regarding 16 year olds working at Indy. She noted that the previous meetings minutes implied that 16 year olds could work the event but she felt this had not yet been confirmed. Ann reported that the Vintage weekend in Seattle was a great success with over 250 entries.

Banquet Committee: Currently negotiating with 3 hotels and will bring a final recommendation to next meeting.

New Business: Doris has arranged Champagne for newly weds George & Irene Chambers. Ian Woods race car & trailer were stolen & have since been recovered with considerable damage. Jim Swanson of Portland passed away at Portland track last race weekend. A great loss to local racing, card to be sent. Don & Steve will set up cooking facilities on beach at Mission next race weekend, all welcome to join. Steve asked club to approach SCCA to enquire about special associate membership status for META members at a reduced price. A discussion ensued. It was moved Steven, seconded Brian that META formally request SCCA consider a master/associate member relationship for META & its members. -Motion Carried
Steve & Barb agreed to follow up. Nick requested more workers for Karting events.

Vice-Presidents Report: Handled under other agenda items.

Presidents Report: Handled under other agenda items.

Good & Welfare: Merchandise- Barb (beer), Don (hat & poster), Tina (hat & poster). 50/50- Karen. Ashley has an air conditioned BMW Bavaria for sale (very reasonable). Marc has a 66 Spitfire for sale.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm moved Vic, seconded Brian.
Next meeting to be held Thursday Aug. 29, 1996.

WORKER PROFILE

Name: Willy Flaggitt

Family: Parents- one of each

Birthplace: Pre-grid

Occupation: Muffler Bearing Oiler- also experienced in sniveling pin replacement

Hobbies: Building non-running cars, needlepoint, collector of antique widgets

Favorite job at the track: Pace car right hand man

How and why did you get involved in racing? My masochistic tendencies

When did you get involved? As long as cars have had wheels

What do you like most about it? The abuse and the mechanical symphony

What do you like least? Waking up the rooster

If you could attend any race, what race would you choose? The META car rally

Who is your racing or race working hero? A.J. Andretti

Do you have a favorite type or class of racing? Close Racing

What race stands out most in your memory, and why? The last race I was at - I suffer from long term memory loss

What would you tell a new worker if he/she asked for your advice? Measure twice, cut once

What is your favorite food? Relaxation activity? Book? Movie? Magazine? Car? Track food, Nervous Breakdown, Dick and Jane, Days of Thunder, Mad Magazine, AMC Pacer

What was the most ridiculous thing you ever did?

Belly flop from an eight foot platform

Race and turnwork at the same time

Follow Dave Forster on 1-5 to SIR

What annoys you most? Answering worker profile questions

What do you consider to be your greatest strength? My gullibility

What do you consider to be your greatest weakness? Love watching race cars

What thing would you most like to have an opportunity to do? Win the META Car Rally

What is your most embarrassing moment in motoring memory?

Being jailed for speeding while enroute to a racing event

Having my battery die while parked on a turn

Having my vehicle hit by a runaway rally car

Brought to you by the same people who brought you the META Car Rally. Yes the Car Rally Committee is already at it again, and planning the '97 Rally. The above worker profile (created during lap 137 of the Michigan 500) might give you some idea of our state of mind as we plan next years torture drive.