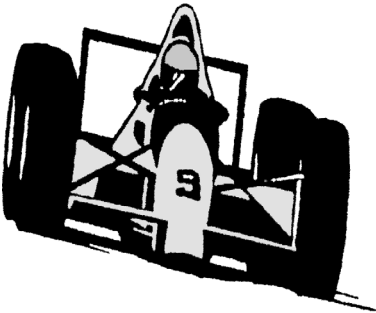




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SPEED READING

| DATE | ORGANIZATION | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Nov 9 | ICSCC | Banquet | Seattle, WA |
| Nov 15-16 | CSCC | Driving School | Portland, OR |
| Nov 16 | SCCBC | Banquet | |

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

Annual General Meeting

META's Annual General Meeting is being held on November 27, 1996. Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time. If you wish to have a say in next year's Club Executive you need to be there. The positions to be voted on are:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

though the weather outside is frightful

Now that the race season is finally over and done with, it's time to sit back relax and start thinking about Ice Racing. The 1997 race schedule has been ironed out with the usual respect to our conflicts.

| | |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Jan 4-5 | Race Weekend |
| Jan-11-12 | Alternate Weekend |
| Jan 18-19 | Race Weekend |
| Jan 25-26 | Alternate Weekend |
| Feb 1-2 | Race Weekend |
| Feb 8-9 | Race Weekend |
| Feb 15-16 | Alternate Weekend |
| Feb 22-23 | Race Weekend Enduro |
| Mar 1-2 | Alternate-Weekend |
| Mar 22 | A.G.M. |

W.C.I.R.C.B.C. is having their first meeting on Nov 20 at a yet to be announced location. Anyone interested in attending the meeting can get in touch with Brian Meakings@ 467-7510 for more information

THE WORKER LAMENT

Where have all our workers gone
From a long time ago

It seems like only yesterday
They held the key
To race all day
A long time ago

But now you go
And find one lone soul
Who works and glows
For racing goals
A long time ago

You go again
And find two to bend
They wave and jump
And push and pump
A long long day to show

You go a third
To please the herd
You'll surely work
But given the dirk
A long long day of the soul

You go again forth
To pursue the force
That drives that racing sport
You know in your heart it's forced and dark
A long long night of goals

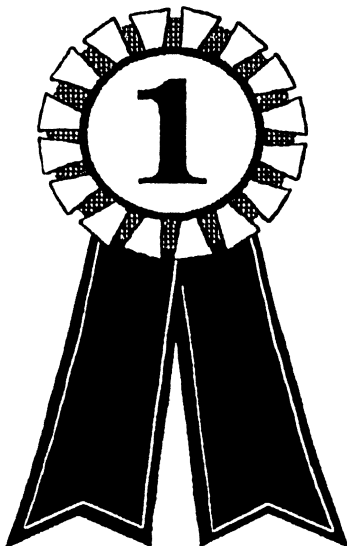
You "hummm" and "baa"
And do the sum
You pack that bag
But look so glum
A long long day of moans

You had enough of this stuff
The others have the gaul to puff
They were here and they were there
But you were all alone and bare
A long long life to show

You try hard to find the heart
But you can no longer be a part
In all those cars of racing souls
They rely on you to find the glows
A long long .life of woe

And then one day
All shiny and bright
A lone race driver, all driven, all trite
Comes to you in his desire
To say 'thanks' for surviving the pyre
A long long time to go

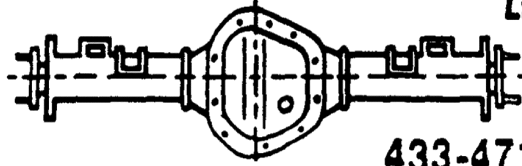
Pat Moffat



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the turnworkers that helped out the E-Crew at the last S.C.C.B.C. event that took place on October 14 at Mission Raceway. It means a lot to me that on such an ugly miserable day that people took the time to stay and help put equipment away. Also to the Bucket Brigade in turn 6 a special "KUDOS". It makes me feel good to know that in a time of need MET A members are there for each other. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding job done by Rodger, not to many people can man a turn by themselves and do such a good job, Oh! and by the way Roger- I LOVE THE HAT!!!! Once again THANK-YOU.

play safe be safe
Mike Zosiak

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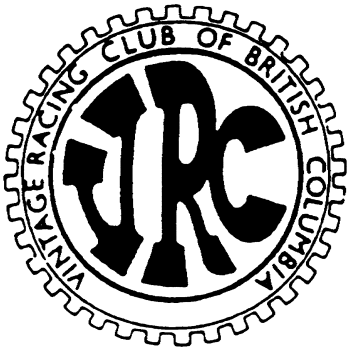
IAN WOOD, Grad. I.M.I.

FUNNY FOOTNOTES

more quotes taken from grade 5 and 6 students' essays

- Some ox-ygen molecules help fires bum while others help make water, so sometimes it's brother against brother
- We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on
- A blizzard is when it snows sideways
- Cyanide is so poisonous that one drop on a dogs tongue will kill the strongest man
- Clouds just keep circling the earth around and around and around. There isn't much else to do.
- To most people solutions mean finding the answers. But to chemists, solutions are things that are still all mixed up
- I'm not sure how clouds get formed but the clouds know how to do it and that's the most important thing
- We keep track of the humidity in the air so we won't drown when we breathe
- In looking at a drop of water under a microscope, we find there are twice as many H's as O,s
- In some rocks you can find the fossil footprints of fishes

Ruth Iwata



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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

APARTMENT FOR SALE: 1 Bedroom apartment in New Westminster, well kept building, 6 appliances, secure parking, \$ 89,500. Call Linda 525-8136

Racing Season Over? Not-On the Internet!

Part 1: E-mail and Newsgroups

If you're like me; you wish the racing season wasn't winding down for the winter. What to do with all that spare time? How will I survive being warm and dry and getting up at a reasonable hour on weekends?. Just because racing here slows down for a few months doesn't mean you have to go into withdrawal. There's a place where racing never stops – online! How much fun you can have is limited only by the level of Internet access you have.

Even if you have no other Internet access besides e-mail you can still talk to racing people worldwide on e-mail “mailing lists”. Getting on a-list (“subscribing”) is usually simple, and subscribing is free. Send a “subscribe” message to the list's host computer, and confirm the subscription on request. Then look for e-mail messages (called “posts”) which will be automatically routed to your mailbox for reading and responding to if you choose. You can log on to your e-mail, pick up your mail and then log off to read and compose your responses.

Some lists focus on one type of motorsport, others are more inclusive. The best way to find a good list is by word-of-mouth, or by asking your internet service for a directory of mailing lists on a particular topic. The best lists provide lively discussion on many aspects of the sport. For instance; one day's posts on the Autorace mailing list touched on: the progress of the Paris-Beijing Rally, F1 drivers moving to oval racing, whether NASCAR's safety practices need upgrading, the latest Michael Andretti joke, kinds of go karts raced in Brazil and the results of informal F1, NASCAR, CART and IRL picks contests from the previous weekend. When you subscribe you'll get information on how to leave the list if it isn't to your taste.

Mailing lists I'd recommend are:

- 1) Autorace, for general worldwidemotorsports discussion (send message-to <list:serv@vtvml.cc.vt.edu>, message<subscribe autorace>);
- 2) Wheel To Wheel, for workers and drivers, especially SCCA (send message to <wheeltowheel-request@abingdon.Eng,Sun.COM>, message <subscribe>);
- 3) Marshal-1, for corner workers only - this one has a definite European flavour (send message to <listserv@vollans.demon.co.uk>, message <subscribe marshal>).

An alternative is-to check out “newsgroups”. Unlike mailing lists, you access newsgroups through a special program separate from e-mail; but finding racing newsgroups is easier. The newsreader program's built-in indexing function lets you get a list of newsgroups – just point and click to visit the group and read the individual messages. No long-term commitment, but you have to remain logged on to read and send in posts.

Here are a few newsgroups I've visited and found interesting:

- 1) clari.sports.motor (good for wire news updates)
- 2) rec.autos.sport.nascar
- 3) rec.autos.sport.tech (if you're interested in technical aspects of racing)
- 4) rec.autos.sport.indy
- 5) rec.autos.sport.fl

Next time I'll discuss Internet Relay Chat, which no matter how it sounds is not like the dial-a-date ads you see in the back of the Georgia Straight, and surfing the World Wide Web.

Kedre Murray (known as keke on the 'Net).
kedre@gfmurray.com

MOTORSPORT EMERGENCY AND TURNWORKERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL WORKER AWARDS NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. Three different Signatures are required to complete a nomination. Only complete nominations will be forwarded to the Awards Committee.
Please consult the Policy and Procedures Manual for basic criteria upon which the awards are based. Note In the "Reasons:" section how the candidate meets or exceeds the requirements and any other details which merit recognition.
Return the completed form to :

The Secretary
Motorsports Emergency and Turnworkers Association
c/o 10952 McAdam Road
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WE, the undersigned, hereby nominate _____ to be considered as a deserving recipient of the following award:

President's Award (META Member of the Year)

Reasons:

META Rookie Member of the Year

Reasons:

Non-META-Member Worker of the Year

Reasons:

Name (please print)

Signature

Nominator 1: _____

Nominator 2: _____

Nominator 3: _____

DATE:

MINUTES
META MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 1996

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Guest: Steve Cooper

Minutes: from the previous meeting were adopted as read by Brian Meakings and seconded by Bob Randall.

TREASURER: Doris apologized for missing the previous months meeting by one night she had forgotten that we had gone back to our scheduled Wednesday night meetings and arrived on Thursday to only find out that we had been there the night before.

CURRENT ACCOUNT: \$1,113.14 GAMING ACCOUNT: \$3,824.52: EQUIPMENT FUND: \$5,485.41

TOTAL \$ 10,423.07

During the month of October we received \$2,000.00 from SCCBC for our participation in the Molson Indy Vancouver. \$20.00 U.S. from Skip Yoakam for 2 license plates payment at a premium. Joe Proud \$50.00 from social. We have META golf shirts available to members@ a cost of \$20.00 each. Golf shirts: will be sold to non-members for \$25.00.

CORRESPONDENCE: Numerous newsletters. A thank you letter from the MIV for our participation in this years event. A letter forwarded to us through the MIV from Indy Car re: their scholarship program.

SOCIAL: Our usual odds and sods & BEER!!!!

Steve told us about the great evening they had at Maz & Me's. Hoping to plan an evening out there again when there are no conflicts. Sounds like they had a great time!!!

MAYDAY: Not much to say. Articles as usual are greatly appreciated; Ann& Roger plan to write up an article about their trip to England and Brands Hatch race circuit.

MEMBERSHIP: 91 Regular 9 Honorary (with sadness we have lost one of our honorary members, Buzz)

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Sure would be great to add some more photos to these albums.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: As seems to be a common occurrence recently, we were again short of workers at our last event. Roger would like to commend E-Crew on the great job they did in Turn #3.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Not Present.

COURSE MARSHAL: A comprehensive communications training is required. Roger would like to ask if Grace would participate and head a communications seminar, a step by step refresher for everyone. We had a really great weekend last weekend at Mission, it was great to see everyone pull together for the bucket brigade to clear away 2 1/2 feet of water out of turn 6 so we could continue racing. After all that rain and bailing, the sun came out for the rest of the afternoon.

OLD BUSINESS: Web Site; Kedre met with Wayne we will be on the same web site as Speed Center. We require content and photographs to format the web page. Committee to set up the web site with Kedre is as follows; Vic Kennedy, Mike Zosiak and Barb Moewes.

Equipment Purchase: Flags; all pertinent information has been given to Lynn. Decision to use wooden handles instead of PVC plastic. Fire Bottles will be purchased just before the beginning of next season, there is really no point in purchasing the bottles to have them sit over the winter. Boxes for the equipment will be re-visited at a later date, once we see exactly what we have to work with. Out priority is to repair and update our new trailer. Boxes for communicator packets/radios have been found at Costco, they are made of a durable plastic. Mike Z. suggested a grease pencil and hard plastic sheet for use by communicators for those 'rare' race weekends.

Jo suggested a 'white board' for use in pre-grid to advise course conditions etc. Marc advised he will look after this issue.

Trailer work parties: Trailer will be moved into a permanent position, decision will be made at the track this weekend with input from all in attendance. We are hoping to have a work party at the end of November to take out the old carpeting and paint and tile the interior. We hope to have a firm date at the next meeting. Roger will be doing the drawings for the turn stations and we will resubmit to SCCBC for approval by the Kustom Kar Club. 10 pocket ventilator are still available.

BANQUET: tickets are available this evening, Charmaine has order forms available at the executive table, also a copy of the menu. Champagne was given to George and Irene.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim advised that Pat has dinner plans for Saturday evening for us and that she will be preparing a soup run during the enduro on Sunday, so, if you would like something hot, please bring your thermos on Sunday and leave it with her to fill



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ANNUAL M. E. T. A. AWARDS
BANQUET

"A FORMULA FOR FUN"

M. E. T. A. Banquet Tickets are now available through Charmaine Meakings, By popular demand the Banquet will be held at the Venus Place Restaurant, on January 25, 1997. Please purchase your tickets in advance of January 22/97; any tickets purchased at the door will be subject to an additional \$5.00 late payment fee, per ticket. For more information contact Charmaine at 467-7510. To order tickets please fill in the form below and send it with cheque or money order to:

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