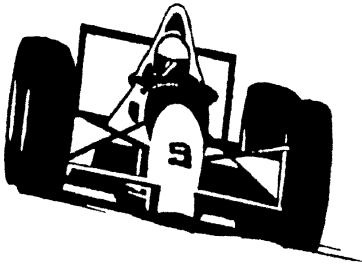




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SPEED READING

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	LOCATION
Mar 1-2	W.C.I.R.C.B.C	Alternate Weekend	Ashcroft, B.C.
Mar 7-8	IRDC	Driver Training	Seattle, WA
Mar 9	NWR SCCA	Regional	Bremerton, WA
Mar 15-16	CSCC	Driver Training	Portland, OR
Mar 22	W.C.I.R.C.B.C	A.G.M.	
Mar 22-23	TC	Driver Training	Portland, OR
Mar 23	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
Mar 29-30	SCCBC	Driver Training	Mission, B.C.
April 12-13		ICSCC	Portland, OR
April 25	TC	Driver Training	Portland OR
April 26-27	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, BC
May 17-18	O.A.S.C.	Hill Climb	Kelowna, BC
May 24-25		ICSCC	Spokane, WA
May 24-25	SCCA-NWR	Double National	Seattle, WA
May 24-26	TC	ICSCC	Spokane, WA
May 30-31	IRDC	Driver Training	Seattle, WA

last chance...

This is it, your last chance to renew your membership for 1997 and not lose your Mayday privileges. If your membership lapses at March 31st, you will no longer receive the Mayday and won't be able to keep up on the latest news from META. So send a cheque (payable to META) along with any changes to your name, address, phone number and send it to:

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worker party ...

The worker party for the Meta trailer at Mission is on March 16 at 10:00 AM. Please come out if you can and lend a hand. For further information contact Roger at 581-7189.

legend cars ...

The Legend Cars are coming to BC Place on March 22. They are requesting our help for flagging. They ask for you to be there at 1:00 PM, enter at the east airlock. Lunches will be provided. If you want more information contact Marc at 986-3497.

Cool banquet ...

W.C.I.R.C.B.C. is holding their annual banquet on March 15. For further information contact Brian at 467-7510.

Training meeting ...

There will be a training meeting for any interested parties at the Mission track on Friday March 28 at 11:00 AM. Dr. Wong will be in attendance, so if you have any questions, concerns or just want to shake some cobwebs loose before driver training and the race season, come on down and join the rest of the gang.

This is Turn 6, Request Pace Car for Ogopogo Stopped on Track. .. **by Steven Bibby**

We watched another racing first at the ice races held in conjunction with the Vernon winter carnival on February 8 & 9. The race was stopped for hot air balloons which were landing around and on the track. The hot air balloons, some shaped like huge champagne bottles and even an ogopogo (For the non BC natives, Ogopogo is a big dragon thought to live in lake Okanagan), took off from Vernon and landed on the frozen lake in a "capture the flag" type contest. Fortunately, we were able to convince them that the flag they wanted couldn't be found on any turns.

Racing was fun, and it was really interesting to see OASC and WCIRABC coming together to put on a great bunch of races. Aside from the delays, there was some good thought behind allowing the Chevette class to run a race in between most of the open class races. This allowed the open class drivers additional time to change from their standard snow tires to the studded tires. It also allowed the Chevette drivers an opportunity to strut their driving ability in their identically prepared cars.

Competition was fierce and there was wheel to wheel racing throughout the weekend. OASC put together a very fast track and provided a great show to the estimated 2000 spectators who turned out in the cold. One of the interesting improvements we noted included the use of snow filled orange garbage bags instead of old tires to mark the turns and track edges. This completely eliminated the radio calls for "slam bam" (the nickname for hitting a tire), although there was some brief discussion on nicknames for "bag bashing" should it occur. The only alert of the weekend occurred in the first lap, first turn of the Chevette race. As one novice worker described it, a bunch of drivers tried to occupy the same space at the same time. The anticipated result wrote off two cars, dented many others and sent one driver into the E-truck for a quick medical check.

Despite the -10 degree temperature, a good time was had by most (Don L and Karen F both woke up with colds on Sunday). So now I ask you, what is the call for Ogopogo on course and how do you flag it?

1997 ICSCC SCHEDULE

March 7/8	IRDC - Driver Training	SIR
March 1.5/16	CSCC - Driver Training	PIR
March 22/23	TC - Driver Training	PIR
March 29/30	SCCBC - Driver Training	Mission
April 12/13	Race # 1	PIR
April 25	TC - Driver Training	PIR
April 26/27	Race # 2 - SCCBC	Mission
May 24/25	Race # 3&4 - TC	Spokane
June 7/8	Race # 5 - IRDC	SIR
July 19/20	Race # 6 - SCCBC	Mission
July 25/26	IRDC - Driver Training	SIR
July 26/27	Race # 7 - TC	Coos Bay*
Aug 2/3	Race # 8 - SCCBC	Mission
Aug 8	CSCC - Driver Training	PIR
Aug 9/10	Race # 9	PIR
Aug 16/17	Race # 10 - IRDC	SIR
Aug 22	TC - Driver Training	PIR
Aug 29	TC - Driver Training	Port Orford
Aug 31, Sept 1	Race # 11&12 - TC	Port Orford
Sept 13/14	Race # 13 -	PIR
Sept 20/21	Race # 14 - SCCBC	Mission
Oct 4/5	Race # 15 - IRDC	SIR
Oct 10	CSCC - Driver Training	PIR
Oct 11	CSCC - Enduro	PIR
Oct 18/19	TC - Driver Training	PIR
Oct 25/26	SCCBC - Enduro	Mission
Nov 8	ICSCC - Banquet	

* Tentative Race

1997 CART SCHEDULE

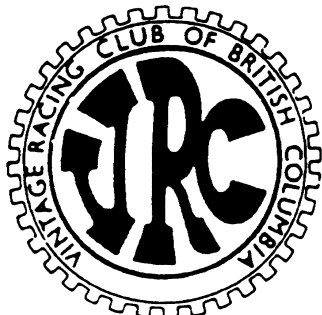
March 2	Marlboro Grand Prix of Miami
April 6	IndyCarnival, Australia
April 13	Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach
April 27	Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix, Nazareth
May 11	Rio 400, Rio de Janeiro
May 24	, Madison Illinois
June 1	Miller 200, West Allis Wisconsin
June 8	ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix
June 22	Budweiser/GI Joe's 200, Portland
July 13	Medic Drug Grand Prix of Cleveland
July 20	Molson Indy Toronto
July 27	US 500 , Michigan
Aug 10	Miller 200, Ohio
Aug 17	Texaco/Halvoline 200, Elkhart Lake
Aug 31	Molson Indy Vancouver
Sept 7	Toyota Grand Prix of Monterey
Sept 28	California 500, Fontana California

1997 ASN MISSION SCHEDULE

May 24/25	CACC - Anniversary Weekend
July 5	CACC - Canada Day Celebration
Oct 18/19	CACC - Bucket Brigade Weekend
Oct 25/26	CACC - Fall Festival and Endurance

1997 GO-KART SCHEDULE

March 2	March 23	April20	May 11	June 28/29	Sept 7	Oct 12
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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

KARTING BANQUET and 1997 SCHEDULE

On November 30, 1996, Manny, Marilyn, Nick and myself attended the Westwood Karting Association's Banquet held at Astorino's Catering. It was an incredible feast, by far and away the best food I've ever had at any banquet! Our friends at Westwood Karting had given us two tickets for free in appreciation of our helping them out over the year, and in order to be there to present the trophy that was being given in META's name. A bit of background about the trophy. One of the perks given to workers at the kart races is lunch money. On one of the weekends last summer, they also held a pizza night and we were invited to join them. I think some wires got crossed, and while we attended for free, I'm not sure that was really supposed to be the case. The next day, we decided to refuse the lunch money in appreciation of the pizza the night before. Sharon in Race Control was having none of it and demanded over the radio that I get down there and collect our lunch money. I jokingly told her to use it to buy a META trophy - and so began the "META Junior Sportsmanship" award!

If you want to win a trophy, I suggest you become a karter! I've never seen so many trophies at an awards ceremony. It was wonderful to see these kids being presented with the various trophies, and we were especially proud of Blake Choquer, who received META's Junior Sportsmanship award. I'm enclosing a photo of Blake with our trophy and hopefully Thomas will be able to reproduce it so you can see how nice it (and Blake!) looks.

Here are some of the karting dates for 1997 (the list has yet to be finalized), again to be held at the Tradex parking lot at the Abbotsford Airport:

March 2
March 23
April 20
May 11
June 28/29 (Gold Cup)
September 7
October 12

With the exception of the Gold Cup weekend, they only need us on Sunday afternoons, from noon on. They practice and qualify Saturday and Sunday morning, but we discovered last year that there's really not a lot for us to do during those sessions. The contact people this year are Bev or Claudio at Italian Motors (253-4248). I've told Bev that I'll be the go-between again this year so if you can make it, please call me during the week before the race (I have an answering machine) and let me know if you can work that weekend. The minimum number of workers should be four, with an ideal number of eight. So far there appears to be no conflict with our road races, so I'm hoping some new faces will show up. As Roger, Ann, Manny, Marilyn, Nick, Kedre and Brian will attest, you'll see some really spectacular racing! Call me if you have any questions - hope to see you there!

(P.S. - I miss you all and I'm looking forward to seeing you at a racetrack soon!)

MOTORSPORT TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

“pre-BEAR FOR RACING” FUND

Hibernation season is almost over race fans and it is time to bear down and pre-bear for the 97 season.

This vital program contributes teddy bears to local hospital and emergency rooms, victim services, fire departments, police and R.C.M.P. These associations give a cuddly bear to children they come in contact with, who have been somehow traumatized, whether it be through a car accident, fire, personal assault or displacement. Local enforcement agencies carry these bears in their vehicles for immediate comfort to these children.

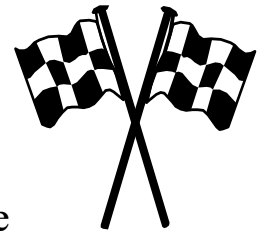
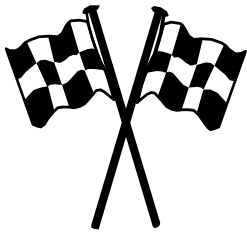
This years Rally has been re-named the “Teddy Bears Picnic” Car Rally to help kick-off our drive for the 1”pre-BEAR FOR RACING”FUND. With the support of our Rallymeister, Vic Kennedy and his co-horts (which oddly enough, seem to have this occasional evil streak in them), each team competing in the rally is required to bring a teddy bear to the event.

Our recipients to this events teddy bears, will be the Coquitlam Fire Department, Vic had suggested they be our choice, for the countless hours they volunteered towards our training programs at Westwood. It would be a great way to say “Thank You”.

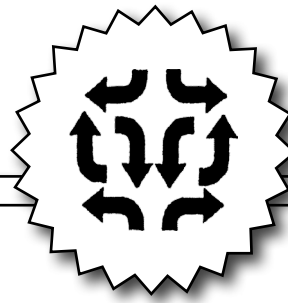
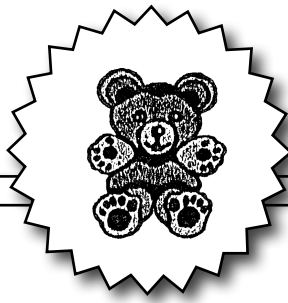
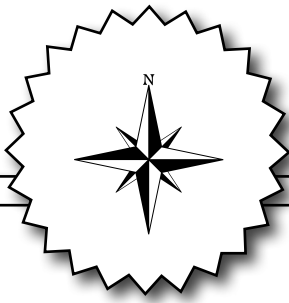
Your support to this vital program which can bring a smile to a childs face, and I’m sure at the same time, make your heart smile will be greatly appreciated by everyone who will benefit from this worthy cause, especially the children.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the “Teddy Bears Picnic” Car Rally come pre-bearred for an exciting bear-able event.

To offer assistance or further information on the Motorsport Teddy Bear Drive please contact Irene Chambers@ 944-7759 or 351-0687.



For only \$20.00, you could have your name embroidered onto the flag that turnworkers will wave for years to come! What better gift than to see the name of your team, your sponsor, yourself or just your good friend waving on the turn. Help support your local turnworkers and have your name added to one of the new META turn working flags. Contact Steven Bibby at (604) 942-6041 to make the arrangements.



Confusius Says

The Meta Car Rally Committee
proudly presents

The 1991 Meta Teddy Bear Picnic & Car Rally

To be held on April 20, 1997
this year starting at the Coquitlam Center Mall in Coquitlam
(the corner of Lougheed Hwy. & Barnet Hwy.)
in the NorthWest parking lot - enter off Johnston Street.
drivers meeting @ 9:45 A.M. First car out @ 10:00 A.M.
entry is by pre-registration, cost \$10 per person, late registration \$15
(kids under 12 & Brian Meakings Free)
registration opens March 13, 1997 closes April 13, 1997
please make your cheques payable to Meta
send entry fees and names of your team to

Vic Kennedy
1342. E 27 Ave
Vancouver, B.C.
V5V 2L8

Because of the location of the BBQ, there will be no alcohol allowed at this META

Please bring a donation of a teddy bear to the Rally for the Fire Dept Teddy Bear Fund.
Teddy Bears collected will be donated to the Coquitlam Fire Dept.

Well hi to everyone out in Canada, hope you are all well and had a good year of motorsport which i had last year. Such as the Goodwood festival of speed, Touring cars and the Global GT race which are a must if you ever decide to come over to this side of the pond. Which my friends Ann and Roger had decided to do and come to the final race of the British Touring Car at Brands Hatch on the Indy track.

After picking them up from the airport, Ann said we had to ring Brands and contact John Nicoll, at this point i was taken a back as this person runs most of motorsport in this country. So Ann had a good conversation with him and there would be 4 tickets waiting for us Saturday morning at the Paddock gate.

We arrived at the track just before 9am and there were 4 tickets for the weekend, our first port of call is J. Nicoll who is in race control in the centre of the track where the main pits are situated. As the touring cars are in this area .security is tight and as we've not got the right pass, Roger and myself wait in the grandstand while Ann via the track tunnel goes into the pits. We finally see Ann on the other side in the control tunnel, and finally get the right passes and are shown around this complex which was built a few years ago at a cost of 5 million pounds, so it seems to have everything. I'm sure i see a sign for a sauna ?.

After looking around the main pits and seeing how the other half live we decided to go and look at the paddock pits area where all but the touring cars are situated. Such as Formula Ford, Renault Sport Spiders, Formula Renault Sport, Formula Vauxhall, Ford Fiesta, Formula Vauxhall Junior and finally my favourite Classic Touring Car. Which consist of cars built before 1967, such as the Mustang, Camaro, Lotus Cantina, Ford Anglia and my favorite car the Mini. I think what really surprised Ann and Roger was the money spent on these machine, the Mini to purchase would cost £30,000 with a Mustang second hand £75,000 or double that new. But when we looked around at the other championship this was small fry, as most had the size of a Indycar transporter with the drivers aged 17 years old and up (its the first time ever, i felt old) especially when you consider they have budgets of more than £200,000. So after looking around the paddock we set off to see the qualifying at paddock hill bend, which to me is the best comer in the world as you approach it full throttle, brake slightly into the right hander which is on a hill that falls away with the track off camber, this means you are blind as a driver going into the corner so good marshalling is necessary and a system is required to warn drivers approaching the comer when cars are in the gravel. Which i expect Ann and Roger have told you about by now. When at the comer we saw a few spins, but we were amazed by the speed the touring cars approach the comer, especially the Audi's.

The next day was up early to miss the crowds and let Ann and Roger go and work on the Paddock Hill comer, which was probably the best corner as 10 touring cars decided to have a major accident, well it was the last race for the cars i suppose, i was in the pits at the time and when the drivers returned back i certainly learnt some new words, from what Ann and Roger said about the whole weekend it was a success and was interesting about different ways of marshalling between the two countries, such as flags, communication and timing and scoring, well better be finishing up now. Hope everyone has a great 1997 and i might see everyone at the Indy this year ?.

From MATTIIEW BOWER. UK member.

MINUTES
META MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

GUESTS: There were no guests or visitors.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. There was one error. Tina Goertz will be doing the embroidery on the flags, not Tina Hertz. My apologies to Tina. With this correction noted. The minutes were adopted by Bob Randall and seconded by Nick Roche.

TREASURER: As of February 2, 1997: General: \$2,867.43 Equipment \$5,491.50
Gaming: \$2,627.82 **TOTAL: \$10,986.75.**

We have golf shirts available from Doris for \$25. GST Refund cheque of \$231.38.

CORRESPONDENCE: IRDC Newsletter with our very own Steve Bibby and Sandy Meggyesi on the front cover!!

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, and beer. Jim McRae has donated some articles for the draw.

MAYDAY: Nothing new, need more articles please

MEMBERSHIP: Reminder now is the time to renew you META membership only \$15 - see Thomas Liesner.

54 - Regular (1997 so far) 9 - Honorary.
Total - 63.

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Joe is looking for new pictures for photo albums, as well as for the display boards we use at trade shows.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Communications Meeting - TBA.

Turn Marshals meeting on March 5 at 7:30 pm at Roger and Ann's.

March 28 - 11:00 am there will be an Open Forum at the clubhouse (Mission) for all (old and new members, and anyone interested). Dr. Wong will be attending.

Roger noted that IRDC is doing Turn Workers training on March 8, 1997 at SIR. (IRDC sent out a mailer).

Training Discussion: Get your questions and/or situations into Roger. One question or situation will be discussed at each META meeting.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Tony advised that not all positions have been filled yet, but he has given Marc as complete a list as possible of the Chiefs for 1997.

COURSE MARSHALL: COME ON OUT !!!

OLD BUSINESS: Irene advised that Lyn has finished the flags. The next step is getting sponsors for the flags. The cost will \$20 per flag and contact Steve Bibby with your requests. Tina Goertz will be doing the embroidery.

Jaws of Life - Mike Z advised that Duncan Anderson has confirmed the "Jaws" will be available this year. Duncan also supplies the "Jaws" for the Molson Indy.

Membership Cards - the new ones will be available next meeting and Vic will bring his camera to take your picture or you can use the negative from the last one.

Fire Bottle quotes have been received and decided upon. We will be purchasing 10 new 10 lb bottles at a cost of \$43.00/each. The Big bottle will be sent out be serviced as well.

We have yet to see money from Bob Leflufy for work at his last Auto Classic. Marc to talk to him.

Marc to send letter to CACC requesting that they put their needs and reasons in writing, and what benefit it will be to META. It will be then presented to the membership.

Letters have been sent to SCCA - with no response.

Work Party - March 16 - Bryan Nuttall has donated the use of his generator for the day. Thanks !!
Marc to find out from SCCBC what their plans for permanent power are (decision to be made in the next two to three months). Steve Bibby noted that once we have power to the trailer, he has been given an alarm system for the trailer from his brother-in-law Steve Todd. Thanks !!
CPR Course - George has no new info, but he will contact the people interested once he finds out.
Name Tags - anyone who needs a new name tag talk to George.
Chairs - Irene advised that the best price we have been given is \$16.00/chair. This is a Samsonite chair and the price came from Salmon Rentals. Will keep us posted.

VP REPORT: Has gotten some info from Volunteer Vancouver. This is a huge organization, with hundreds of listings for volunteers. We will be filling out one of their request forms (for volunteers) and sending it back to them for them to post. Hopefully we will get some new people out.
Irene also mentioned the Teddy Bear Hug Fund as a fundraising project. This is a fund that supplies firemen and policemen with teddy bears, for kids they come across in their line of duty. Darren Phillips (a volunteer fireman) stated that he has witnessed the miracle a teddy bear can work. Especially when dealing with traumatic situations such as a house fire, car accident. etc. The bears helps the kids cope. Irene will be working out the details. A vote was called and it was unanimous - all were in favour.

NEW BUSINESS: Go-Karts - Bonnie Healy contacted Ann with the race schedule at the Tradex for this year. Race dates are: March 2 & 23, April 20, May 11, June 28 & 29 (Gold Cup weekend), September 7 and October 12, with the possibility of a few more dates being added. They need about 8 workers per race and you don't need to show up until noon.
March 22 - Legends at BC Place - needs workers. It would be from 1:00 - 10:00 pm approximately. Contact Marc Rovner if interested. Enter at the Exhibitors Entrance, the East Airlock at BC Place.
BC Motorsports Show is on March 7, 8 & 9. If interested in working in the booth, contact Marc Rovner.
Casino - It was discussed and decided to apply for another casino license. This time we will be aiming to raise funds to purchase a META (E-Crew Response) Truck and Jaws of Life. Along these lines, the question of insurance for both the trailer and truck was raised. Marc Rovner to look into and advise. SCCBC has started an infoline - we can tag onto it for \$3 - \$5 per month. Marc Rovner will get it going.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Most of it has been covered under Old and New Business. Attended the Molson Indy Meeting at the PNE, it was interesting.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Brian Meakings noted that there has been a change in dates for WCIRABC Annual General Meeting and Banquet. It now being held on March 15, 1997 not March 22 as previously mentioned. Tickets are \$25 and it is being held at the Sundance Inn, 6574 Ladner Trunk Road in Delta. Car Rally is ready !! It will be held on April 20th. Drivers Meeting at 9:45 am. Meet at the NW corner of Coquitlam Centre Mall. \$10.00/Person entry fee. Late charges after April 13th. Gold plated whistles were presented to Ann Peters (President 95 & 96) and Doris Gildemeister (Treasurer 95 & 96) for their years of services to META.

SWAP & SHOP: Have new carpet for clubhouse, have old new carpet for anyone who wants it. Marc Rovner is looking for a Formula Ford.

BANQUET: The META Banquet was a great success. We had approximately 70 people attend. Thanks to Charmaine Meakings for all her work.

DRAW: Thomas Liesner - Beer Genevieve Iwata - odd/sod Andrew Clouston - odd/sod
50/50: Karen Forward (your underpaid secretary).

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 1997 - 7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by Brian Meakings, seconded Nick Roche.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary