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Aug 3&4&5	American LeMans Series	SCCA	Portland, Or
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Aug 5	Soap Box Derby	Lions Club	Mission, BC
Aug 8	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Aug 11&12	Miller Lite 200	CART	Lexington, Ohio
Aug 11&12	ICSCC Race # 8 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 18&19	Motorola 220	CART	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Aug 18&19	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 23	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Sep 1&2	Molson Indy Vancouver	CART	Vancouver, BC
Sep 1&2	ICSCC Race # 9	TC	Thunderhill, CA
Sep 8&9 TBC	IOCO Hillclimb	BCMA	Port Moody, BC
Sep 8&9	ICSCC Race # 10 – SIR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Sep 8&9	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 8&9	Kart Club Race # 6 -- Tradex	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
Sept 12	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Sep 14&15	German 500	CART	Lausitz, Germany
Sep 15&16	ICSCC Race # 11 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep 15&16	Fall Finale – SIR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 15&16	Pacific Forest Stage Rally	WCRC	Cache Creek, BC
Sep 15&16	Kart Club Race # 7 -- Tradex	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
Sep 21&22	Rockingham 500	CART	Corby, England
Sept 26	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Sep 29&30	United States Grand Prix	Formula 1	Indianapolis, Ind
Sep 29&30	ICSCC Race # 12 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC

Molson Indy Vancouver needs you!!

It promises to be a tremendous event this year.

Support races will include:

CART Toyota Atlantics

Barber Dodge Pro Series

CASCAR (Canadian NASCAR) (30 car minimum grid)

SCCBC Invitational Sedans (60 car grid)

Worker registration count is down this year. Last year it was at the minimum.

Please contact Ann Peters or Thomas Liesner

to register for this great event.

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Please Note: The next META Meeting will be back at the Century House in New West but on Thursday August 23

Presidents Report

This past month has been busy, and the months ahead look just as busy . We've had several races and of course our 1st annual fun raiser held at Clancy's. I must applaud all of you for the great job, considering the short time we had, you all worked hard to make it the success it was. I would once again like to thank Lisa Pointras, and Dallis Smith for all their hard work. I'm even more excited about the response from members about all the ideas for future fund raisers. No matter how small of an idea you may have, don't be afraid to suggest it. Remember M.E.T.A. is made up of a strong group of people and you're all showing it. We only have one race left at Mission till the Vancouver Indy. I can't believe how quick it's approaching. At least we now know it's not the last Indy. Till then, be safe and look forward to seeing you at the next M.E.T.A meeting.

Bernice Zosiak

From Cascade Workers Website

Pages In White

As you gaze out across the field of tournament, the sun has just started its slow climb toward the heavens. The earth is quiet and at peace. But that peace is to be short lived, for even now, the sounds of preparing the steeds, the sound of the call to do battle, is heard in the distance. The white clad pages are making ready for the day ahead. Each has their jobs, the messengers communicate, not on the wings of pigeons, but with nerves buried deep beneath their feet. These are the eyes and ears of rulers, chaired at some distance from the field of challenge, but present inside the heads of those who speak to them.

The others, the aides to those who challenge, are too preparing for combat. These are the unsung but highly aware. For them, it is not like the knights that contest for glory, but theirs is the task of day-long alertness.

For the entrants, the day consists of short periods of activity, proving themselves better than their opponents. But for the Pages in White, the day is long and the glory lives only in their hearts. The award is the reward of knowing their own unspoken worth. And now it starts, the first tourney of the day. The knights, with their steeds, leap from the stables, roaring and spraying power from four earth bound feet. The joust has begun.

The knights take their place in formation to parade before the villagers. Each villager chooses his or her champion. Each choosing the colors that they will cheer for during the coming event. For some, this day will end in victory, their champions receiving the cloth of triumph, the badge of distinction. For these and for those who praise their name, the challenge has been won. But not all are so fortunate. Some will require the aid of the ever vigilant white clad aides. For these, only comes the knowing that they had tried, but the muses had won this time. But the chance will come again.

Alcohol Training

(I thought that would get your attention!!!!)

No, it's not training on how to drink it!!! It's how to extinguish it when it's on fire. Alcohol has almost the same burn characteristics as methanol. With the Indy coming up and the difficulty in acquiring Methanol, some alcohol was obtained to put on another fire school. The school will be held on the upcoming CACC race weekend at Mission, after the Sunday worker morning meeting (August 19). Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you are not working the Indy it's good knowledge to have.

Stewards Report....Race #7 Mission Raceway Park

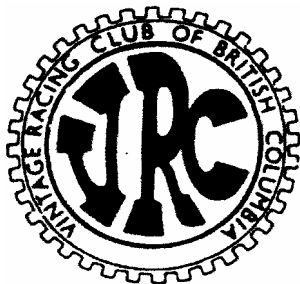
Well, our friends north of the border did it again! Great weather, good turnout, and close, fast, racing. The folks at SCCBC are really doing a super job of putting on Conference races. They have a well oiled Race Team running the show. Friendly faces, accurate scoring and timing, seasoned workers who are well trained and responsive, schedules that are on time and staff that are willing to help when asked. Thanks SCCBC and META, good job!!!!

A little humor here... It's been a while since my wife has accompanied me to a race, so when we drove in thru the gate she saw the Performance cars, and said oh look, the Canadians are here!!! Mmmmmmm I need to get my Swift S2 back on track so I can get my crew back together.....

It looks like the drivers have figured out the new section of the track. Speeds have picked up and so have incidents. At the 1st Mission race I had 6 turn reports with only one driver fine. This last race netted 15 reports and 9 drivers fined or penalized.[The travel fund thanks you.] There were more entrees at the last race but the intensity of the racing has really picked up. We are half way thru the season and championships are starting to shape up. With the second half of our year coming I expect the racing to get even tighter but, I also EXPECT drivers to use common sense and courtesy. That means knowing when you CAN make that last minute move and when you CAN'T. Know matter what you may have been told, It's still your responsibility to maintain a safe situation while passing OR being passed!!! For some reason there seems to be more aggression on the track in the last two years and I'm not sure why. But I know this, the only thing that seems to get offending drivers attention is fines and penalties. I don't want to be the bad cop by doing this but I will because it's the only thing that works. I knew I wasn't going to win any popularity contest when I was asked to do this job, but if that is what it takes, so be it!!!! I don't want anybody to get hurt on my watch, and we have come very close this year. Sooooooo, be advised... if you screw up, we'll talk and you probably won't like the outcome. By the way.....BULLETIN BULLETIN.....Group 5 has officially replaced Group 3 as Conference "BAD BOYS and GIRLS". Just thought you might like to know.... the Stewards are watching you!!

Well that's about it for now. our next race is at..... you guessed it... Mission. See ya there. Drive safe!!!

Dennis Peters
Race Steward



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

Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Cruisers Pit Stop Diner - 21671 Fraser Highway Langley, B.C.

Information contact Andrew Slater (604) 986-0949

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$2.00

META Crests (Black Border) \$3.00

META Crests (25th Anniversary) \$3.00

Westwood META Decals \$.50

Contact Don Souter (604) 572-6279

META Shirts with design by Krystyna Mitchell

100% Cotton--Long sleeve--All sizes-- ~~\$25.00~~

On Sale for \$20.00 or 2 for \$30.00

Contact Ann Peters (604) 581-7189

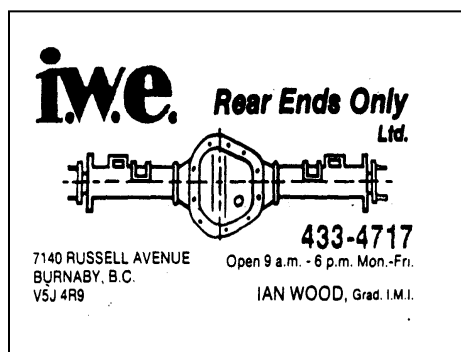
Copies of META Promotional video are now available

Video runs 15 minutes and is free

All club members are encouraged to get a copy

Contact Marc Rovner (604) 986-3497 or Ann Peters (604) 581-7189

(Non-members contact Marc or Ann for details)



Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Tom with \$20. If you have, then pass it along to someone new, we need to encourage as many new members as we can. Every little bit helps.

Membership

C/O Tom Sproule, 410 – 8115 121A St, Surrey, BC V3W 1J2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone No.-- Home: _____ Work: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Newsletter via E-Mail Yes No

Cost is \$20--Membership year ends Dec. 31--MAYDAY mailing list will be purged of non-members Mar. 31
Please indicate if you would like the META newsletter sent to you by E-Mail or send the editor an email at maydayeditor@hotmail.com

RAMPANT RACING

***PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
100 WINS!!!***

TEAMMATES

Judith Yocum
Neal 'Wizard' Euler
Shirlyann Euler
Dennis Lynn
Judy Lynn
Travis Lynn
Todd Barnes
Buster

THE GUYS BACK AT THE SHOP

Wendy Lea Jones
Angela Christiansen

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David Batton
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Herb Reiniger
Norton & Peggy Gaston
Don & Sonja Smethers
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Gabe's Signs
Warren Secord
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Straight-Line
Dan Hall Automotive
W. Beaverton Autobody
Rebello Motors
Ed's Muffler Shop
Safelite
Top Tech Motorsport
Linda & Tom Busic
Bruce Baggett
Joe & Debbie Harian
John Martinsen
Steve Hershberger
&
All Fellow Racers

Gratefully,
Skip Yocum #53

Excerpt from telephone interview with Christian Fittipaldi. Taken from CART.com website.

CART MEDIA TELECONFERENCE

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T.E. McHALE

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Q. Are drivers aware of the officials, the people doing the flagging? Do you think much about them and what they contribute to the sport and your weekend and the role that they may or may not have?

CHRISTIAN FITTIPALDI: Oh, yeah. At least I do, I don't know about the other drivers. There's no doubt about it, immediately, you are coming down the street and you are like -- (inaudible) -- quick corner at the end of the straight and see the yellow flag waving a couple meters before you get to the turn, you are obviously going to break a lot earlier and you're going to start working around, there's no doubt about it. If it wasn't for the marshal, there's a lot of extra incidents in my opinion, in motor racing in general would have happened.

Q. Do you ever interact with them? There's people that when they have standard volunteers, and they have a lot of -- spend a lot of their time and money to sort of play this role, do the drivers appreciate that impact that they have, sort of doing something so that you guys can do what you do?

CHRISTIAN FITTIPALDI: I think we do -- yeah, I think we do because in the drivers briefing, usually we always comment, like there's always one driver out there that says the guy that is in turn 1 is flagging very well this weekend, for example like Portland is a classical example, when you are coming out of the pits in Portland, your first turn is very quick. So during the drivers meeting, we comment the guy that is in turn one that is telling us there's a car coming -- and a whole car coming, he's doing a very good job, but the guy that is doing a very poor job, I almost came together with two cars during the test session or qualifying, whatever, so he needs to be more aware of when it comes down to the race. So I think that we drivers in general, there's no doubt about it. We're always the same way; that the marshals take care of us, we also try to take care of them the best way as possible.

Q. They are vulnerable -- does that ever come into your mind when you get into some kind of accident in a corner that there are people behind those walls?

CHRISTIAN FITTIPALDI: I don't agree with you, vulnerable, like they are protected. I think no one is vulnerable out there -- like everyone is very special out there, and it doesn't matter what he's doing, like he is working hard for something. And I think that the same way if we are going to think that way the same way that you said, okay, maybe he's a little bit more exposed, what we also are exposed, also. There's a very high risk in our sport and if a marshal is exposed to extra risks out there, we are also exposed to extra risks, and we know what those risks are. So it is not that there's someone out there forcing us drivers to go out there and race the same way that there is no one out there forcing the marshals to flag a turn. You really don't have to be there.

Q. But you all work together?

CHRISTIAN FITTIPALDI: Exactly. The same way that when there's a flag and someone is pushing a doctor here or there because the car spun, we try to take care of them. I'm pretty sure that they try to take care of us the best way as possible.

MINUTES
META Meeting July 25, 2001

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 – 25 members. All in favor of a casual meeting since it was a BBQ. Minutes of the last meeting were read with one correction, the members name is Raymond Wintonyk. Then were adopted.

Correspondence: Latest Wheelspin and Entertainment Guide Book Volunteer Appreciation and book pick-up dates.

Mayday: Sunday night, July 29th is the latest deadline for Mayday articles. There are currently 42 members receiving the Mayday via e-mail and would encourage all the rest that can, to utilize that option, due to a reduction in postage costs.

Membership: He said there are 90

Treasurer: About the same as last time. The fridge still has to be paid for. There was merchandise sold at the track the last race weekend.....Great Job! Thanks to Ruthie and Genevieve! Thanks to everyone that made the Michigan 500 “Fun-raiser” such a success! Manny also did a great job with the sales of pop and coffee at the meetings!

Historian: Have Photo Albums and Maydays here. Other photo albums should be returned at the next race weekend.

Training: Good sessions at the last race - a couple of incidents. Make sure when you are working the turns that you don't run out to an incident that is not at your turn, even though accessible, stay put and see what happens and wait for your communicator to give you instructions. Give it an extra couple of minutes. Also put the 20 lb. Bottle away from the turn – run with the 10 lb. Little bottles are in Seattle and are waiting to be picked up. They can do wonders! Remember that the Driver is #1 and the car is 2nd.

Race Chairman: Absent

Course Marshall: Sign-up sheet for the next 2 races are circulating.....Conference is this weekend coming up. It is also the 50th Anniversary for SCCBC. CACC race on August 18&19 no longer co-sanctioned with SCCA due to conflict and regulations. There will be a co-sanctioned race on Oct. 13&14. Get registered for Molson Indy Vancouver, if you have not already!!!! Nothing but kudos for META at the last Conference race in Mission as per discussion with Dennis Peters. Nick – Number board is refurbished.

Chief of Emergency: Absent

Old Business: Tom S. – Monies owing to META from Vintage is coming and being dealt with. Thanks for the Help! Bryan N. – Haven't been able to finish the paint on the clubhouse. Roger – Big Hand to Bryan!!! What has been done looks great!!! Brian M. – Decals? Dave W. – Have talked to Ann, working on it.

Vice President: Absent

New Business: Charmaine – Some ideas have come into here for the banquet. TBC Go-Karting track – catered by the Abercorn Inn, going to put a survey into the Mayday to see how people feel about traveling to Richmond for the banquet. Matthew B. – Have been coming here for 6 years and the track hasn't changed. Safety is still a big factor. Should do a survey of your own station this weekend. Discussion followed... Decision to put it into writing and hand it into SCCBC to fix the deficiencies. In particular: the hole in the Turn 3 trailer that has just been boarded up. Mark M. – Make up a blank sheet that people can fill in turn number and deficiencies/ safety issues, and put into the turn boxes. Charmaine – Add a pinch of pressure – let the drivers know, bring it up at the meeting. Bernie – We'll approach them with the list – if nothing happens – then get on them. Matthew B. to collect the sheets at the end of the day on Sunday of this weekend. Don S. – Prioritize the lists, from most to least serious/ important. Mark M – Easy to complain about the deficiencies, how about coming up with a possible solution for them. Bryan N. – Larry Bower – a transit worker and also has a DJ service is coming out to the track this weekend.(Gave Charmaine his business card for possibility for banquet) Joe P. – maybe contact someone from soapbox to come out to the track this weekend to speak to them face to face about the event. Roger – The girl that is heavily involved in it talked to Ann and seems to be internal problems. Angus – We need to know who is coming to the soapbox derby! Genevieve – Ruthie and herself picked up some ice packs that will be kept in the freezer in the clubhouse for people to use and can exchange them for fresh one if needed at lunch break.

President: Received the documents for the renewal of the meeting room at the Century House. ***Funraiser!! You guys did a great job!!!!*** Mike and Bernie are getting the META fire bottles serviced and they are not going to be ready for a bit, but Vancouver Fire Prevention did give out 4 loaners! Aug 18-19 on the Sunday is the fire school with the alcohol. Dave from Blue Max, the fast, white corvette, gave us a \$3,000 set of lights for the E-Truck and all he asked for was two stickers to be placed on it. He has also offered to do some more work to make it more visible. Still have the old set – maybe offer it to SCCBC for a small amount. Vic Kennedy had a suggestion – Have a garage sale at the racetrack – not this year, maybe next year. Need to find out more information. General feeling – Good idea. Roger - Need to advertise. Maybe if not at the track – maybe at someone's house. Motion to the floor to spend the money for the Indy surprise. All in favor.

Good and Welfare: Brian M. – Sedan race is 60 cars this year. Discussed the types of cars running at the SCCBC meeting. A lot of nice, fast cars!

Swap and Shop: Bryan N – '88 T-Bird Loaded with new paint \$3,500 obo.

Draw: No Draw

Our next meeting August 23rd back at the Century House.
Call to adjourn the meeting with all in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm