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Jun 9 &10	<b>CACC Race # 1 – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
Jun 13	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 16&17	Grand Prix of Detroit	CART	Detroit, Mich
Jun 16&17	Rose Cup Races – PIR	SCCA	Portland, Or
Jun 16&17	Mt Trials Stage Rally	WCRC	Cache Creek, BC
Jun 22-23-24	Kart Regional Races – Tradex	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
Jun 23&24	<b>Dayton Indy Lights – PIR</b>	<b>CART</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
<b>Jun 23&amp;24</b>	<b>G I Joe's 200</b>	<b>CART</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
Jun 27	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Jun 30-Jul 1	Grand Prix of Cleveland	CART	Cleveland, Ohio
Jun 30-Jul 1	<b>ICSCC Race # 6 – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
July 6&7&8	<b>Pacific NW Historics-SIR</b>	<b>SOVREN</b>	<b>Seattle, Wa</b>
Jul 11	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
July13-14-15	Portland Historic Races -- PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
July 14&15	Molson Indy Toronto	CART	Toronto, Ont
July 14&15	Kart Club Race # 5 -- Tradex	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
July 21&22	Michigan 500	CART	Brooklyn, Mich
Jul 25	META Meeting – Roger and Ann's house 10952 McAdam Rd	7:00	Delta, BC
July 28&29	Grand Prix of Chicago	CART	Cicero, Ill
July 28&29	<b>ICSCC Race # 7 – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>

## President's Report

To all those who worked the Vintage weekend, take a bow, an outstanding job done by all. We could not have had a better weekend with the weather cooperating and the racing itself, you need not ask for more. The highlight of the weekend had to be the faces of Melissa and Ian at the return from their rides, on Sunday. It was Melissa's birthday and Joe Proud invited her and her friends out for the day. Brian Meakings was the driver. Thank you Joe and Brian and to all those who were involved in making it a special event. If you missed this past weekend, you have the chance in Seattle on the dates of 6,7, and 8th of July. I need to have your name registered by the 20th of June. If you are not on the list and you come to Seattle you will have to pay to get on the track, there will be no exceptions. So if you are interested in working at Seattle phone me at 591-7213.

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President's Report continued

I would like to finish by letting everyone know that META needs your help, everyone's help. We cannot rely on the same people to keep carrying on. We have 70 plus members and I keep seeing the same faces at our meetings. We need to work together. I'm quite concerned that we keep looking at the same people. Some members have been volunteering at one task for the past three years and ask for a break, but there is no one at the meeting to help.

We need new people to step forward.

Your club needs you.

Bernice Zosiak

From Active Mountain Raceway Website.

Dateline.....May 23rd, 2001 (Merritt, B.C., Canada)

Under warm, blue, British Columbian skies, a large crowd witnessed the official start of construction of Canada's Largest and Most Exciting Motorsports Facility, Active Mountain Raceway. A delegation that included City of Merritt Mayor Bob Baird, Federal Opposition Leader Stockwell Day and MLA-Elect Dave Chutter presided over the ceremony for the first phase of the Active Mountain Park development. Upon completion of the ceremony, a flurry of activity ensued as a dozen large earthmovers began work while attendees at the event enjoyed the balance of the afternoon going over engineering diagrams of the 3/4 mile paved oval and 2.5 mile roadcourse tracks.

Active Mountain Raceway is the first phase of the 1,000 acre Active Mountain Park Development, estimated at over \$250 Million upon completion. The Raceway is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2002, leading into a full season of motorsports events, including open wheel, stock and sportscars, motorcycle, off road racing and driver training academies. Other Active Mountain Park facilities planned are a hotel spa resort complex, golf course, amusement park and amphitheatre. Over 800,000 visitors are anticipated at Active Mountain Raceway in the first year, expanding to over 2 million by 2006. Hundreds of local jobs will be created both during construction and for ongoing operations. AMR will give a huge boost to the southern British Columbia economy. As the geographical center of southern British Columbia, Merritt is the transportation hub between Vancouver and major communities located along Provincial Highway 5 and through to Alberta and Washington State. The climate is largely warm and dry, which is a requisite for spectator comfort and preferred by most forms of motorsports and driver training. Formula Cars, Stock Cars, Sportscars and Motorcycles are anticipated as Series that will visit the facility. Driver training schools for cars, motorcycles, emergency vehicles and factory vehicle testing will also be incorporated into the ongoing operations. A world class motorsports museum and general public karting track will make Active Mountain Raceway a must-see for the millions that visit Merritt each year.

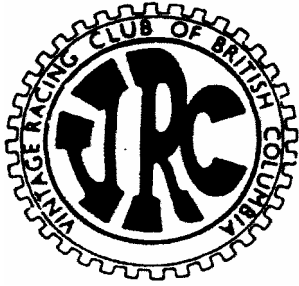
Sometimes we need to pause and remember what life is about.

There was a great loss recently in the entertainment world.

Larry LaPrise, the Detroit native who wrote the song "Hokey Pokey," died last week at 83.

It was especially difficult for the family. They had trouble keeping him in the casket.

They'd put his left leg in and... well, you know the rest....!



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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.

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### Membership

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Project Update May 2001  
**Portland International Raceway (PIR) Master Plan**

**Projects in the master plan include:**

- **A vehicle and pedestrian bridge over Turn 8 to the infield.** This will allow race participants and fans to cross the track without stopping activities on the track. It will also allow fuller use of the site, with multiple activities on track and on the outside of the racing surface.
- **Repaving and reconfiguring the track.** The track surface is old and worn, and for participant safety, needs to be repaved. We also plan to change Turn 12 to improve safety. In some places the track may be widened.
- **PIR/Vanport City interpretive center.** An interpretive center and community meeting room that honors the important history of the World War II community of Vanport City and the rich racing history of Oregon is planned for a site outside the PIR gates.
- **Commercial buildings.** A small series of permanent buildings for PIR businesses are planned for the South Paddock. This would include a home for the racing school, a racing gear “pro shop,” a permanent storage and kitchen area for the concessionaire and opportunities for other racing-oriented businesses to locate at the track. Currently the concessionaire and driving schools are located in temporary buildings.
- **Professional racing garages.** In the pro pits we are planning a professional garage area for participants. These might also include temporary or permanent “suite” viewing atop the garages.
- **A new pedestrian bridge.** We will build a new pedestrian bridge over the track, linking the Turn 5 area and the infield, to improve access for spectators to the west end of the track.
- **Maintenance building.** A secure, covered area is needed for all of the maintenance equipment at the track, an office for the maintenance supervisor, and storage for all of the materials we use throughout the year.
- **Relocate Broadacre Ave.** The internal road, North Broadacre is in disrepair. Tentative plans are to relocate it to the north edge of the property, rather than repair it. This would improve spectator safety, allowing them to enter the track from the north parking area without crossing traffic.
- **Remodeled bathrooms.** Both the South Paddock and Infield permanent restrooms would be remodeled and enlarged, with the addition of shower facilities.
- **Remodel the Goodyear Tower.** The tower will be refurbished, brought up to structural code and enhanced for use by the various organizations that rent the track. The PIR staff offices would move out of the tower and into the Interpretive Center.
- **New Transportation Options:** Tri-Met will be building an Interstate MAX stop at PIR, and will build three park-and-ride lots. Two of them are on PIR property, one on the strip between the entrance road and Expo Road, one that will serve both as a park and ride and *visitor* parking for the Interpretive Center.

Questions or comments on the Master Plan can be directed to:

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## ..... After The Checkered



**Indy Already???** If you have space for people to stay when they come in for the Indy, please let Ann Peters know. She has been asked a lot about this in the past and is making up a list of people with extra space and how many they can take in.

**Phone 581-7189 or email [ann\\_peters@telus.net](mailto:ann_peters@telus.net)**

**Soap Box:** Hadn't heard anything about the Mission Soap Box derby in awhile, and since it was on July 1<sup>st</sup> last year an announcement was overdue. Asked the right person and found out the date has been moved to August 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 50 entries so far and are advertising for more. They also would like META's help again this year, so if you're not going to Portland then head out to Mission and have some fun with the kids.

**Historics Update:** The big race on the vintage calendar is fast approaching. July 6-7-8. The Pacific NW Historics is easily the premier event in the Northwest. Up to 300 entries, close to 500 display cars, 9 different run groups (the 9<sup>th</sup> group being Vintage Trans-Am). It doesn't get any better. As such the registration is a little different than the regular club racing. **You can't just show up and work this event. You must be pre-registered.** Most people that have worked SOVREN events will have received a green postcard to fill in and send back with the SOVREN races you are planning to attend. If you want to work the PNW Historics and did not receive or send in your card, then you must contact **Fran Blackman** to get your name on the list.

**Phone 360-694-3248 or fax 503-285-6578 or email [fgblackman@email.msn.com](mailto:fgblackman@email.msn.com)**

If you sent your card in and your plans have changed and cannot work 1 or 2 or all 3 days then please contact Fran to let her know. This is a major event and it is very important to have accurate numbers of workers. Problems last year make me want to emphasize this a little bit more than usual. Don't take advantage of SOVREN's great hospitality and put your name in just in case you feel like showing up or want to get a family member or friend into the event. META has a great reputation as a professional group of volunteers, let's keep it that way!!! OK, now back to the important stuff. I have been in contact with Ward Bettes, secretary of SOVREN, and have info on getting extra tickets for family and friends. If you haven't been to the Saturday BBQ at the Historics then you're not going to believe how big it really is, Ward tells me they fed over 900 people last year. There is tons of food, beer and wine, a live band, a silent auction, one year they even had an Indy car on display. Truly an amazing event. All included with your ticket. Now, the deal is that you receive 1 BBQ ticket with your worker registration packet, you can purchase 2 extra BBQ tickets per worker only, at US\$10 each, for family or friends. This is the same limit as the drivers and it may be reduced if the number of tickets sold gets to high.

**These tickets can only be purchased in advance by contacting Judy Buckingham.**

**Phone 206-232-4644 or email [rebjrmd@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rebjrmd@ix.netcom.com)**

Also note: for family not working the race the cost for entry to the track is the same as the cost for extra crew members. The cost is US\$10 for adult family members, kids 7-16 is US\$5, and kids 6 and under are free. These can be purchased when you sign in.

**Hysteries Update:** For those that don't know. There is a tradition at the Historics called 'Camp META'. Bring your tent, trailer, camper, motorhome, or whatever you can beg borrow or steal to camp in ( well, better not steal, that wouldn't look to good) and join the party. For the past few years we have tried to have a theme for the festivities. 3 years ago and last year it was "Wine and Cheese". 2 years ago it was "Chocolate fondue and Champagne", unfortunately that one got rained out (thanks again to Chris B for letting 17 of the Village People into his house). This year it's going to be "Hawaiian". So bring your tackiest tourist shirt, your blender if you got one and your favorite tropical drinks, and join the fun at Camp META. Anybody got some Palm Trees?? HMMM. Just Kidding!!

From the "seattlep-i.com website". Submitted by Gerry Frechette

## **SIR patrons restless about racetrack's future**

### Management change pushing timetable for 2002

*Friday, June 1, 2001*

By [HOLLY CAIN](#)

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

KENT -- Jim Rockstad fields calls nearly every day from race tracks around the country -- some as far away as Texas -- inquiring about his massive sale of Seattle International Raceway assets. Everything must go: fencing, grandstands, scoreboards, scales, even ticket booths and concrete retaining walls. Some equipment already has been sold, with the bulk of it ready for transport following SIR's July 27-29 National Hot Rod Association national event.

Rockstad's lease expires Dec. 31, when the property owners, Pacific Raceways, will take over operation of the track.

"Conceivably, the only thing left would be the office and a couple of old shacks," said Rockstad, SIR president. "I hate it. That's why I offered to sell them everything, leave the track a month early, just to let them start work."

Although Pacific Raceways has declined to buy the track assets or buy out the last month of Rockstad's lease, company spokesman John Love promises, "There will be no interruption of service." In fact, he said, Pacific Raceways plans to invest millions of dollars to upgrade the facility, which includes a drag strip, a 2.25-mile road course, a motocross track and a small go-kart track. But Love added, "It's not like you'll be there Dec. 31, wave a magic wand and everything we have planned is there. There's a sequence of events."

Details for those events remain sketchy, however. In theory, SIR will have a smooth transition of power at the end of the year, but the reality is a little more troubling for some -- especially considering the tight time frame between Dec. 31 and the March opening of the racing season.

Will Pacific Raceways manage the track or hire an outside firm? Can a new infrastructure of scoreboards, grandstands, etc., be in place in time for the start of the 2002 weekly racing season? With all the upheaval and uncertainty, will Seattle still be a stop on the NHRA schedule? Will ProFormance Racing School still have a home at the track? Can local road racing clubs still expect to hold their annual events?

Only Pacific Raceways can answer most of these questions, and the group headed by Seattle businessman Dan Fiorito isn't saying much.

"People are anxious because we haven't come out with the big hype and glitzy presentation of our plans," Love said. "But we're making good progress, and we're getting closer to the time we can announce what those plans are."

The good news for local race fans is that the NHRA said this week it has confidence in Rockstad's successor and sees no reason why Seattle wouldn't continue to be a stop on the schedule.

"We have every reason to believe we'll be running there next year and into the future," said Peter Clifford, NHRA senior vice president for business operations.

"It's more than good faith. I have confidence in the Fioritos' plan, and we're in the midst of negotiating right now."

But time is running out.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said longtime vintage racer Tom Armstrong, who belongs to Seattle's Society Of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts, which holds two major fund raisers for Seattle's Children's Hospital on SIR's road course each year.

"My biggest concern is continuity and the transition between Jim Rockstad and whoever comes in to manage it. I'm also worried about a liquidation of the assets, and my hope is that some sort of arrangement can be made to keep that from happening.

"If it gets dismantled and shut down, there are a lot of obstacles that arise from starting from scratch."

That is a concern. If Pacific Raceways has to build substantial new facilities, there's the problem of securing building permits and the lengthy time it often takes to acquire them. And neighbors already have indicated they are poised to fight any massive construction or expansion projects.

The Big Soos Community Club, whose members own property bordering SIR, already has alerted the Department of Development and Environmental Services that it will closely monitor any proposed changes. The club has requested a new environmental impact study of SIR property and to be notified in writing of any proposed changes to the facility.

"We are primarily interested in wildlife habitat, water pollution, sanitation and noise," the club said in a May 22 letter to the Land Use Service Division.

Love insists his group is well aware of all the variables and challenges of taking over SIR -- which will be renamed "Pacific Raceways."

"We've pretty much figured out what the physical improvements need to be, and now we need to figure out the order to do it," Love said. "Our objective is to make this the premier motorsports facility in the Northwest, the hub of racing activity. We're not just looking to change the name on the sign, but to upgrade the whole facility."

Don and Donna Kitch, who run the ProFormance Racing School at SIR, have been regulars at the track for much of the past 22 years and have a vested interest -- emotionally and businesswise -- in its future. Their driving schools bring in about 2,000 clients annually and are a significant money maker for SIR.

They hope Pacific Raceways will keep their racing school, and they have garnered more than 1,000 signatures on a petition and had influential racing insiders write letters on their behalf. But it's just six months until the change in management, and they haven't been told yet whether ProFormance stays or goes.

In the meantime, the Kitches are preparing for "Plan B," but hoping it doesn't come to that.

"I'm choosing to feel positive," Don Kitch said. "Am I anxious? Yes. But I choose to feel positive.

"What needs to happen is a benign transition between Jim Rockstad and the ownership group, and I stand by ready to help if I can. I think it will happen. Everyone needs to see the big picture."

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From "The Langley Times" May 25, 2001. Submitted by Gerry Lomas.

### **Local Driver Makes So-So Debut In Race**

It was an up and down weekend for Langley driver Josh Beaulieu in the opening Canadian Formula Ford race of the season.

Beaulieu was plagued by mechanical problems while racing at Mosport International Raceway's Trans-Am event, and was forced to retire on lap two of the race with an expired fuel pump.

Beaulieu faced a tough task in mastering the challenging 4km circuit, while at the same time learning the nuances of his Dowco.com-sponsored Vector-Ford. He qualified an impressive 4th in the 20-car field, despite being slowed by carburetor problems.

"It was a great learning experience, even considering our bad luck this weekend," said Beaulieu. "The track is fantastic once you get a rhythm going. The speed of it was something I had to get used to, and by the end of the weekend we were at the front of the grid I think we'll be in good shape for the next race.

The next Canadian Formula Ford event is June 8-

10, with the Air Canada

Formula I Grand Prix in

Montreal.

The entire series will be aired on CTVSportsNet in the fall.

# Steward's Report

## **Mission...April 14-15 1st race**

Hey kids, this is going to be a long report. The last time we chatted we hadn't turned a wheel. Now we are 6 races into the season. WOW, how time flies when your having fun! The first race at Mission brought warm weather [ no kidding ], and a pretty good turnout. This was the first race with the new track layout. These changes definitely give the track more character and were thoroughly enjoyed by all the drivers I talked to. Yes there are some problems but I was informed that the changes would be made before the next race. This was the first mandatory transponder race and the folks in timing and scoring had it covered. Kudos to Perry and his staff!! I saw some really good, close hard racing. The neat thing for spectators is that you can see most of the track from the grandstands and you're really close to the action. For those of you who don't tow to Mission, you're missing a great time. The SCCBC staff really put on a great event and with the new improved track it's better than ever!! And don't forget the exchange rate. It's a real racing bargain! There weren't many donations to our Hawaii fund. What's up? You must be listening to my warnings.. Good job Drivers! See you in Portland.

## **Portland April 28th 29th.. race # 2**

The Conference traveling road show arrived in Portland only to find every kind of weather you could imagine. Sunshine, rain, hail, thunder and lightning. If you didn't like the weather you just had to wait a few minutes and it would change! A very special thanks to all turn workers for staying out there. I happened to be looking at Ice Station Zebra when lightning struck just behind them just across the Delta!! The way the workers bailed out of their station I thought they had been hit. Wow, you guys really deserve medals! You're braver than me. The word around the pits is that it's all the Formula Mazda's fault. THANKS A LOT NORM!! We had our first protest of the year concerning the fuel used in the Club Fords. After some discussion the protest was withdrawn. I'm sure we haven't heard the last of this issue. ITS car#11 in group 4 was protested by ITS car # 2 and ITS car # 53 for mechanical and computer/chip violations. The mechanical protest was later withdrawn. After having the computer inspected the unit was found to be in compliance with SCCA GCR rule 17.14.1.6. The protest was disallowed and the protest fee retained by ICSCC. This could be a LONG year!! More good racing. Man, you guys and gals are really good. Some of you felt the need to step and contribute the vacation fund. Management extends its thanks. Well it's getting late and I haven't seen my wife for 3 days. I better get to bed. Next stop SIR. See ya there.

## **SIR May 5th and 6th.. race # 3**

Well here we are, back at my home track and the weather looks good. What's going on? After Portland I was prepared for anything. Warren and Fred must have sold all their rain tires at Portland. Wait, are the Formula Mazda's coming?? Mmmmmm. More good racing. Good turn out. The Proformance folks from Canada ran with us again and did a good job. This situation has really improved. Thanks MaryBeth! Congratulations to Les Hodges and his crew in getting us off track on time Sat. I heard we were even a little ahead of schedule. Is that legal... Good job Les. We had some thrills and spills with the thunder cars and all, but generally it was a safe and sane weekend. Here we go again.... We had our second protest of Club Ford fuel. The first three finishers were protested and fuel samples were drawn. Again the protest was withdrawn. This is a difficult issue and will probably end only when Club Ford mandates a spec fuel in the fall. I hope so. The New and improved starts seem to be going well and the drivers seam to approve of them. It really does bring back the meaning of qualifying. I am starting to think that Dan and I aren't going to get to Hawaii. Very Disappointing! Only Kidding. Its is really great to see a reduction in cars passing under the yellow. It shows you guys and gals are paying attention. Keep up the good work. Should I have mentioned that??? See you in Spokane!!



## Spokane June 26th 27th 28th.. race # 4 and # 5

Where do I start? This is the race weekend I hoped wouldn't happen. It was the good news and the bad news. The bad news is we had 3 rollovers that produced 3 totaled race cars and one severely damaged BMW. The good news is the safety equipment did it's job and there were no serious injuries. I thank God Dan, Steve, Hugh and Bret escaped with out any broken bones or worse. Believe me, these were very incidents and they are all very lucky drivers. I applaud the NWMS turn workers and response team for their professionalism and quick response. They were really tested and came thru like the pros they are. Thanks guys and gals!!! There were some track management problems that resulted in some very intense conversations and concluded with some apologies and concerns about next year. There were also . some problems with the scheduling on Sat because we had to be off track at 3 pm due to drag racing that afternoon. And you thought IRDC has problems at SIR. The good news was that the track was fast on Sun with many new records set only to get faster on Mon due to a 30 to 40 mph tail wind on the front straight. More track records set. The bad news was with the additional speed, generated by the tail wind, the bump in turn 1 turned into a launch pad. Right Steve? And the wind!!! Can you say DUST DEVILS ??? Hot damm... But you know what, I think this weekend had some of the best racing of the season. You guys are good. Love to watch those Club Fords. We had one car in group 3, car# 05 , that was underweight at the scales and was disqualified. This resulted in a protest of the scales and the staffing. The protest was disallowed and the protest fee retained by ICSCC. There was only one passing under the yellow all weekend. See, you guys can do it. On a serious note, this weekend really worried me. I believe most of the incidents could have been prevented with a little common sense. I care about you guys. You are my extended family. I know we can do better. Conference has a good record. Lets keep it that way. I will end this report with this. Where else can you to racing during the day, grab a beer and a hot dog, watch some good drag racing, stroll over to the oval track and watch the stock cars then walk to the Casino and drop a buck or two in to the slots. That's what you missed if you didn't come to Spokane. Right Linda?. I rest my case. Great job NWMS. Ya did good!!!

Dennis Peters  
ICSCC Race Steward

### And You Thought Gasoline Was Expensive!

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Gatorade 20 oz for \$1.59 = \$10.17 per gallon

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Pint of mike (16 oz) for \$1.59 = \$12.72 per gallon

STP Brake Fluid 12 oz for \$3.15 = \$33.60 per gallon

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So the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on Nyquil or Scope or Pepto !!!

## **MRP Street Legal Race Program takes on illegal street racing**

A group of concerned racing enthusiasts have banded together to address the problem of illegal street racing on the lower mainland. This is especially timely in light of the number of recent fatalities that have occurred in the last few years.

Since October 2000, the group have been meeting with representatives from various lower mainland Police Departments along with officials from Mission Raceway Park in a combined effort to secure a safe and legal alternative to street racing.

The members and directors of the B.C. Custom Car Association, owner and operator of Mission Raceway Park, have given full support to make Vancouver streets safer. It is the belief of the group that by working together with all parties concerned the goal of reduction, if not outright elimination, of dangerous street racing will be reached.

To further this goal, the group has increased its existing Street Legal Race Program to include 18 Friday night events through the 2001 race season at Mission Raceway Park (up from eight in 2000).

The first street legal race event will take place Friday, April 6, at which time representatives from the RCMP, the Street Racers, and Mission Raceway Park will be on hand to answer questions.

For further information contact Richardt Scholz,  
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### Words to Live By?

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tire.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat & drink beer all day.
- If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- Don't squat with your spurs on.
- If you drink, don't park; accidents cause people.
- Some days you are the bug, some days you are the windshield.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- Duct tape is like the force; it has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

MINUTES  
**META Meeting May 23, 2001**

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 – 23 members. Minutes of the last meeting were forgotten at home. Minutes to be read at the next meeting. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:** Miss Indy poster, a poster from the Variety Club and a certificate for \$20.00 towards framing, Aprils Wheelspin with VMSC revised schedule and membership roster, Mays Wheelspin, Bank of Montreal Business credit card application, letter from Lanki Porth Investigation Services regarding participating in go-kart racing, new Western Driver where META is mentioned several times with pictures of some of our members.

**Mayday:** Absent – More stuff for the Mayday.

**Membership:** Absent – we have some

**Treasurer:** Absent

**Historian:** Have Photo Albums. Bryan N. brought some old slides from Westwood, Edmonton and Seattle to show.

**Training:** Not much. No new people. Roger needs to know who is going to Rose Cup and CART Portland under SCCA. Sign up sheets are at the front.

**Race Chairman:** Bruce Yeo will be Race Chairman for Vintage at Mission. Tom can't make it.

**Course Marshall:** Sign up sheet is being passed around for Vintage. Pager no longer valid. Please look at the new phone list for new home phone number. Vintage is this weekend, should be fun.

**Chief of Emergency:** Have new e-crew workers coming out to the track this weekend. Need to have a list by the end of the month for all the people working E-Crew under SCCA for CART Portland. Able to get some weekend memberships for \$25.00 US. Went to Vintage in Seattle 2 weeks ago – Lots of fun, some broken cars. There is a truck in Seattle. Trying to get fire school together along with Roxann, for Conference workers at the Seattle Driver Training. Still working on the truck brochure. Brian M – SCCBC truck has been painted white with bodywork done.

**Old Business:** Bryan N – 80% of the screw are into the trailer and will be painting it. 1 window bar is almost complete. Thomas – Plaques for Ann and himself? Nick R – Working on it. Brian M – Thanks to Nick for the flag stands!

**Vice President:** Has nothing to report.

**New Business:** Bernie – Birthday card for Melissa, the girl that we built the ramp for, is at the front to sign. She will be coming out to the track on Sunday. Trying to figure out where to send the \$100 for Andy Johnson. Manny – Who wants to take over the social committee? Has done it for the past 3 years and would like to hand it off. Irene – Would like to pose a question/ concern to the membership. Is there a reason why our financial status and the minutes go out to non-members? Giving out information could be hazardous. We should not be censored. Motion was put to the floor by Irene, to not include the minutes with the Mayday newsletter to non-members, 2nded by Jo Adair. Discussion regarding this motion proceeded. Motion was heard and a vote was put to the floor. 19 were in favor of not including the minutes, 2 were opposed and 2 were abstained. Joe – June 6 is the scheduled Media Day at Mission. It is for 11-2 and if you would like to help please sign up on the sheet at the front. If there are any changes, if you are on the list you will be contacted. Also, have been to the Worker Distribution Plant regarding 8 bottles of alcohol for fire training. Last, this weekend is Melissa's birthday on Saturday, she will be at the track on Sunday, Roger is bringing the cake. Rides in vintage cars for her family and friends. BCTV may/ may not be out. Mark M – Name tags. If you need a name tag please contact me.

## New Business cont'd....

Doris – Joe carried all of the stuff into the meeting room this evening by himself. Someone should help. Roger – Last ICSCC race at SIR won a little fire bottle that comes with a pouch, but are not rechargeable. If you would like one they are \$20 US. They are belt size. Mark M – You can spray a driver with it, there are no worries about doing harm. Contact Roger by SIR Vintage weekend if you would like one. Irene – Mike, if noticed last weekend at Mission use of black ash? Bernie – Talked to Terry and he is getting some MSDS forms.

**President:** Trans Am race this past weekend we lost another driver and another was injured. Be careful out there. Permission was given to Steve regarding the fridge. Picking up the freezer this Friday and hope to take it out to the track this weekend. Lisa, an e-crew member is planning a Michigan 500 party with 50/50, door prizes, etc. You make a lot often taking a percentage of the take. Usually it is held at a Sports Bar. Was in Seattle for the Vintage and it was a lot of fun. If you want to do the 6,7,8 July you have to register 3 weeks in advance, if you don't you will not be registered. We have our Vintage this weekend..... Having trouble doing what I am doing up here. Feel like I am butting my head against a wall. Trying to get money into the club and no one responded to working the go-karts. If you want a President then get behind me and work together as a group, not just the same 4 or 5 people all the time. You have one month to pull your socks up and start acting like a club or this will be my last meeting as your President.

**Good and Welfare:** Vic – 6 META people were at Knox. Received an award for META's participation in the Hillclimb for all these years. Will be framing it and putting it into the clubhouse. Irene – Barb Moewes was in the hospital again. Just released last week. Bernie – Get Well card to be sent to her. Brian M – Bring out to the track for everyone to sign. Irene – Texas was postponed as everyone knows. When I called the CART office, I spoke to the Senior person, Tim Mayer. I was heart broken that all these people had spent their time and money to have it canceled.....so they came up with 2 tickets to anywhere in Canada or the US for a race. One person who won was Willy Perez and the other person was Mark Miller! Things are changing within the organization. Jo – Plaque from Adam Edward Memorial Race will be brought out to the clubhouse this weekend. Don S – Show and Shine pictures if you would like to see them. Brian M – Pocket size schedules for Kent Raceway at the front if you would like one.

**Swap and Shop:** Bryan N – Won a Pugeot race bike with helmet through the Hospital Lottery. It is a free-style BMX and it is for sale. Brian M – Anyone that needs a turn bucket can get one from Home Depot. It has Home Depot on the front of it and they are brand new.

**Draw:** Race Yo Yo – Dave B, Beer – Andrew Slater, 50/50 – Dave W.

Our next meeting is on June 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50

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### Corrections and Additions to the Membership list printed last month.

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