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## Speed reading

Jan 10&11	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 24&25	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 28	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 31	META Banquet – Best Western	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 31	IRDC Banquet – DND Fabricating		Puyallup, WA
Feb 7&8	Ice Race # 3 and Enduro -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 21&22	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 25	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 6&7	Ice Race Alternate Date -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC

Note: Ice races are subject to ice and weather conditions.

Please check the website at [www.carsonice.ca](http://www.carsonice.ca) or call 604-945-4592 before traveling.

# META Annual Awards Banquet



January 31, 2004

Best Western – Coquitlam Inn  
319 North Road, Coquitlam, BC  
Hotel Reservations 1-800-359-6279

*Just a reminder that tickets for this fabulous event will **not be available** at the door. Last chance to purchase tickets will be the META meeting on January 28.  
(see elsewhere in this issue for more information)*

## *Time to renew your membership in ME7A*

It's that time of year again!!! Please send in your renewal as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophe of missing your monthly Mayday. OK, there are other good reasons to join but I'm a little bias. Look elsewhere in this issue for the renewal form and get your \$20 bucks into Thomas. Thank you for your support.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon".

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and re-open the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.



Put'n on Your Top Hat  
 Put'n on Your Glitz

META is Celebrating 30 Years in Motorsport, so

we're  
**PUT'N on the RITZ !!**



META's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball will be held on January  
 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, at the  
 Best Western Coquitlam Inn. Please join us in celebrating  
 this MILESTONE of our Club !

The cuisine for this event will be a choice of exotic Mediterranean  
 Chicken, or a tender 8 oz. cut of Prime Rib.

After the Awards, join us in Celebrating the Night away with  
 DJ, Freddy Ya-man!

Reserve your tickets for this Special Night through  
 Charmaine Meakings, at the address below

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Please complete the form below & mail it with your cheque. Please Print Clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

~ Please make cheques to META ~

Please let us know the preferences of yourself & your guests.

Number of Chicken Mediterranean meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Prime Rib meals: \_\_\_\_\_

At New York's Kennedy airport today, an individual later discovered to be a public school teacher was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a setsquare, a slide rule, and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, Attorney general John Ashcroft said he believes the man is a member of the notorious AI-gebra movement. He is being charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"AI-gebra is a fearsome cult," Ashcroft said. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They use secret code names like "x" and "y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns", but we have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

"As the Greek philanderer I sosceles used to say, there are 3 sides to every triangle," Ashcroft declared. "I am gratified that our government has given us a sine that it is intent on protracting us from these math-dogs who are willing to disintegrate us with calculus disregard. Murky statisticians love to inflict plane on every sphere of influence," the President said, adding: "Under the circumferences, we must differentiate their root, make our point, and draw the line."

President Bush warned, "These weapons of math instruction have the potential to decimal everything in their math on a scalene never before seen unless we become exponents of a Higher Power and begin to factor-in random facts of vertex."

Attorney General Ashcroft said, "As our Great Leader would say, read my ellipse. Here is one principle he is uncertainty of: though they continue to multiply, their days are numbered as the hypotenuse tightens around their necks."

## TOP TEN THINGS TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE SKI SEASON

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(And to remind non-skiers why they do not ski.)

10. Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk-in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards, burn two \$50 dollar bills to warm up.
9. Go to the nearest hockey rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.
8. For ski boot simulation at home, put a pebble in your street shoes and tighten a C-clamp around your toes.
7. Buy a pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.
6. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$6.50 for a hamburger. Be sure to wait in the longest line.
5. Clip a lift ticket to the zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.
4. Drive slowly for five hours - anywhere - as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an 18 wheeler.
3. Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button and let the spray blast your face. You'd almost believe you're skiing in front of a snowmaker!
2. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom.
1. Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$2.00  
META Crests :Black Border/Vancouver or  
Black Border/Vancouver/25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
or Red Border/Westwood \$3.00 each  
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META Pins \$3.00 each  
Contact Don Souter (604) 930-6243

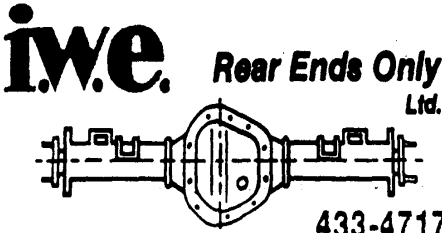
META Shirts with design by Krystyna Mitchell  
100% Cotton--Long sleeve--All sizes  
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Contact Ann Peters (604) 581-7189

## META Shirts

White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with  
META logo embroidered on front.  
\$26.00 each  
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Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Thomas 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 Thomas Liesner, 13425 87B Ave, Surrey, BC V3W 6G7

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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

## **CART Sale on Fast Track?**

December 31, 2003

INDIANAPOLIS - CART could win court approval of its proposed sale to a group of team owners by Jan. 28 under a plan a bankruptcy judge approved Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Frank J. Otte's approval of CART's proposed sales procedures came two weeks after the series filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as part of an agreement with the series' buyers, Open Wheel Racing Series LLC.

Otte overruled objections to the sales procedures and scheduled Jan. 23 as the deadline for alternative bids for Indianapolis-based CART's assets. If any such bids emerge, they could be considered during an auction Jan. 28. Without any qualifying bids, Otte could approve the sale to Open Wheel that day.

"This is another step in the process that will hopefully move us toward a successful 2004 season," CART spokesman Eric Mauk said. "This is by no means the end of the road, but it does keep the process moving."

CART and Open Wheel Racing agreed to sale terms before the bankruptcy filing in hopes of making a quick Chapter 11 exit in advance of the 2004 season.

Under the so-called "prepackaged" bankruptcy, Open Wheel will acquire all of CART's assets -- including equipment as well as sponsorship, team and promotion contracts -- for \$1.6 million in cash. But because the buyers will also assume some liabilities, including prize money owed to teams that took part in the 2003 season, the total purchase price is expected to be about \$3 million.

Open Wheel's principal owners -- Gerald Forsythe, Kevin Kalkhoven and Paul Gentilozzi -- told reporters Dec. 17 that they could quickly bring the series out of bankruptcy and run a 2004 season with at least 15 races and at least 18 cars.

The team owners want to put publicly traded CART under private ownership.

The current sale proposal replaces an earlier buyout agreement that Open Wheel backed out of earlier this month after too few teams committed for the 2004 season to meet the original purchase conditions.

CART in November announced a 19-race schedule for 2004, but has since postponed the season-opening Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

In October, CART announced it lost nearly \$78 million in the year's first nine months, and warned that it would have to halt operations if the takeover was not completed. CART has been on a downward spiral, in part because of the creation of the rival Indy Racing League in 1996.

Open Wheel's series would continue to be based in Indianapolis and operate under the Champ Car World Series banner, with the CART name being phased out.

## **Teams ready to race Super Trucks in 2004 STRANA**

December 30, 2003

U.S. and European racers are looking to form teams for the 2004 Tonka Super Truck Racing Series.

NEW ALBANY, OH (December 30, 2003) After successful tests and demonstration races in 2003, the Super Truck Racing Association of North America (STRANA) is setting its sights on competitive racing in 2004. The schedule for the 2004 Tonka Super Truck Racing Series has six races slated in support of the American Le Mans Series (ALMS). To date, more than 20 teams have expressed interest in putting a team on the track for the 2004 season, including ALMS' American Spirit Racing, Europe's David Atkins Racing, and Pike's Peak Truck Racing Champion Mike Ryan.

"After a ride in one of the Tonka Super Trucks at Road America, I was amazed at how agile these trucks are on a road course," said Jon Lewis, President of American Spirit Racing, which operates a top-level team in the ALMS prototype division. "I am extremely excited about the Tonka Super Truck Racing Series and we are actively pursuing sponsorship to be able to run in the series. I believe that these Super Trucks will generate a huge fan base from fans of all types of racing as well as bring new fans from all walks of life. When they say 'This is big' they're not kidding, there's nothing like it."

European Super Truck team owner David Atkins is also looking to form a STRANA team in 2004. David Atkins Racing is the most successful team in the history of truck racing, achieving 5 British and 5 European Championships. Atkins has been following STRANA since its inception 3 years ago and he recently attended the Tonka Celebrity Challenge races at Road America to see the North American product first hand.

Well-known as an ambassador of truck racing, Mike Ryan is also excited about fielding a Super Truck team for 2004. Ryan has served as an advisor to STRANA and he has been instrumental in its development as a driver for Super Truck demonstrations and provider of valuable insight to what it takes to bring Super Truck racing to North America. STRANA has used Ryan's Pike's Peak Hill Climb Championship Freightliner for numerous exhibitions and he appears as an expert commentator in the 2003 Tonka Super Truck Celebrity Challenge race broadcasts on ESPN2.

"STRANA is the perfect extension for us and our sponsors who supported our successful years of racing big rigs at Pike's Peak and at the Bonneville Salt Flats," said Ryan. "The added recognition, value and prestige that we will be able to give our sponsors, as well as their suppliers and their customers, will be immeasurable. The association with the American Le Mans Series and IMSA lends thoroughbred credibility as does the television package and Tonka's title support."

Based in suburban Columbus, Ohio, STRANA is the governing body for class-8 super truck racing in North America. Its mission is to promote super truck racing and the trucking and transportation industry.

STRANA will be part of the ALMS schedule at:

Infineon Raceway, Sonoma CA (July 16-18)

**Portland International Raceway, Portland, OR (July 23-25)**

Mosport International Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario (August 6-8)

Road America (Elkhart Lake, WI (August 20-22)

Road Atlanta, Atlanta, GA (September 23-25)

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA (October 15- 16)

ESPN2 has also agreed to continue as the broadcast partner for STRANA in 2004. In 2003, ESPN2 aired three half-hour programs featuring the 2003 Tonka Celebrity Challenge events.

The Celebrity Challenges featured drivers from ALMS, NASCAR and Indy Car racing the Super Trucks on behalf of their favorite charities.

Re-broadcasts of the 2003 Celebrity Challenges will begin in January 2004 on ESPN2.

~ WANTED ~  
IRDC Members to  
"Promenade to the Finish Line"  
at the 2003 Awards Banquet

Date: January 31, 2004

Location: DND Fabricating,  
10908 66<sup>th</sup> AVE. East Puyallup

Time: Drinks/Appetizers 6:00/Dinner 7:30

Menu: Beef, Chicken, Salads, Sides, Rolls and Dessert

Theme: Grand Western Style

Cost: \$35/person

Music and fun abound as we celebrate the 2003 Race Year in Grand Western Style. Make sure you wear your best Western Attire, as this is sure to be a boot scootin' good time.

Call for reservations with your Name and # of attendees by  
January 20<sup>th</sup> at:

Up North– 425-334-9102 (Al/Debbie)

Somewhere in the middle - 425-869-2868 (Dave/Judy)

Down South – 253-859-8322 (Jeanine/Chris)

Or e-mail to [starion73@aol.com](mailto:starion73@aol.com)

We are looking for prizes for our "silent auction", so if you have something to donate please call or e-mail to the above contact information.



# Ice is Niiiiiiiiiiiiice, Duuuuuuuuude

Well it's almost here!!!!!! Another season of racing. No not Conference or SCCA, they don't even have schedules yet! CART, ALMS, nope. Not even close!!!!!! Talking about ICE RACING.

Next weekend it begins!!!!!! Looks like there will be plenty of ice this year, 11 inches 3 weeks ago and it been cold ever since. So grab your cold weather gear and come on up. One major change this year in regards to worker rooms. Previous years there has been 2 rooms available for free, this year there will be 4 rooms available for half price. Please book these rooms through Jo Adair only. There will be a daily stipend for Lower Mainland workers to help with costs, to a maximum of 14 workers. This may change throughout the season as the number of driver entries dictate. There will also be, as always, lunches provided at the lake, and 1 free beer ticket for Happy Hour. The enduro is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend Feb. 7/8. As you will see by the schedule on the next page the weekend is packed full of races(including a worker race). The Clerk of the Course (Jim Dipalo) has laid down the law this year that races will run on the posted time with or without cars on course. So the early finish on Sunday should make for a pleasant drive home.

Not much else is finalized at this point so if you want to know more then you'll just have to come up next weekend and find out!!!!!! A bunch of us are already planning on going.

See you there

Andrew

(please check the Hotline or Website before traveling)

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Andrew Clouston: 604-942-4974 or maydayeditor@hotmail.com

Ice race Hotline: 604-945-4592

Ice race website and weather conditions: [www.carsonice.ca](http://www.carsonice.ca)



## WCIRABC 2004 Ice Race Schedule

January 10/11	Barnes Lake, Ashcroft, BC
January 24/25	Barnes Lake, Ashcroft, BC
February 7/8	Barnes Lake, Ashcroft, BC -- ENDURO weekend --
February 21/22	Barnes Lake, Ashcroft, BC
(alt. 6/7Mar.)	Barnes Lake, Ashcroft, BC

Any scheduled races that are missed due to weather conditions will be re-scheduled to the end of the season two weeks following the final scheduled weekend (ie: in 2004 the re-scheduled weekend will be March 6/7)

Races conducted by the Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC.

# CARS ON ICE

## Round 1 January 10/11

(including Novice Training)

### SATURDAY

Worker Meeting .....	8:15 am
Track Set-up .....	8:00-9:00 am
Driver Meeting.....	8:45 am
Test & Tune.....	9:00 – 10:00 am
Novice Studs Training .....	10:00 – 10:45 am
Novice Studs – Race 1 .....	10:55 - 11:15 am
Studded Warm-Up .....	11:25 - 11:40 am
Studs – Race 1 .....	11:50 – 12:10 pm
Studs – Race 2 .....	12:20 – 12:40 pm
Studs – Race 3 .....	12:50 - 1:10 pm
<b>Lunch.....</b>	<b>1:10– 2:00 pm</b>
Street Legal/Rubber Warm-Up .....	2:05 – 2:25 pm
Street Legal/Rubber– Race 1 .....	2:35 – 2:55 pm
Street Legal/Rubber – Race 2 .....	3:05 – 3:25pm
Street Legal/Rubber – Race 3 .....	3:35 - 3:55 pm

### SUNDAY

Worker Meeting .....	8:30 am
Track Set-Up .....	8:00 – 9:00 am
Grid Cars for Novice Studs - Warm-Up.....	8:30 am
Driver Meeting.....	8:45 am
Novice Studs Warm-Up .....	9:00 – 9:15 am
Novice Studs – Race 2 .....	9:25 – 9:45 am
Studded Warm-Up .....	9:50 – 10:10 am
Studs – Race 4 .....	10:20 – 10:40 am
Studs – Race 5 .....	10:50 – 11:10 am
Worker Race Warm-Up .....	11:25 – 11:40 am
Worker Race 1 .....	11:45 – 12:05 pm
<b>Lunch.....</b>	<b>12:05 – 12:50 pm</b>
Street Legal/Rubber Warm-Up .....	12:50 – 1:05 pm
Street Legal/Rubber – Race 4 .....	1:15 – 1:35 pm
Street Legal/Rubber – Race 5 .....	1:45 – 2:05 pm

#### ATTENTION

Before leaving home for an ice race, please check the Cars On Ice Website – carsonice.ca,  
check your email, or call the hotline.

CARS ON ICE HOTLINE – 604-945-4592