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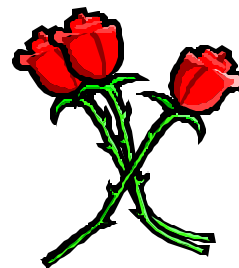
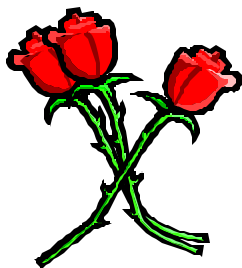
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Apr 28	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC

*It is with great sadness I must announce the passing
of Hilda Randall*

*Our deepest condolences go out to Bob
and the rest of the Randall Family
Hilda passed away peacefully in her sleep
Saturday March 6.*

Arrangements were not available at time of printing.

*An email will be sent out when details become
available.*



TURBO TALK TWO

We covered a lot of ground on Thursday night and the meeting went a little longer than usual, but on the brighter side, it could have been and has been longer. The committee reports, by giving me a quick call before our executive meetings, are working out well.

It does feel rather odd not to have so much on the executive's plate, but I think we can get used to this reallllll quick. I worked the car show at the Tradex on Saturday night with Brian M. and Thomas, and although it was a little quiet, it was nice to find that the people that I spoke with have some idea that there is actually a road course at the drag strip. Brian covered the show on Sunday as well, and I would like to thank him for taking the time and trouble for getting his car out on display. The recruiting committee had an excellent meeting this past weekend and have come up with a very busy agenda for us to help get new blood at the track. I, for one, am getting excited about the new season that is right around the corner - so - DUST OFF YOUR WHITES (might want to make sure they fit) and get your gear ready!!!!!!

See you at the track.

Turbo

PS: For all those that poke through the net, or want to be aspiring authors, please give Andrew a hand and send in articles. He spends a lot of time compiling schedules (for our convenience) and finding articles for the Mayday and he is only a committee of one - SO - if you find something that is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to us.

Boa Bytes.....



Thought the winter would never end and now I can't believe it is March and racing season is here.

The months of March and April are quite busy.

We start out on March 14th 10:30 am with a work party to get the clubhouse and turn stations ready for our first event Driver Training Sunday March 21st. (more hands less work).

Mike and Darren have arranged a refresher Fire Training school which will begin at 10:30 am on the 21st. We should be ready to head out to our turn stations at noon.

I am sorry I won't be there for the first event, Dave Nex will be there (break him in easy)! If you have not signed up for the Driver Training event on Sunday please email me coursemarshall@shaw.ca

We have also scheduled a Turn Marshall's meeting for March 16th at 7:30. It will be at Dave's (Nex) home 1112 Alderside Road, Pt. Moody (off loco Road). Everyone is invited who has an interest in

becoming a Turn Marshall, existing Turn Marshalls or if you have some items you would like to discuss for the new season. If you are unable to attend and you would like us to discuss as item on your behalf, please email me at coursemarshall@shaw.ca or call me at 604-944-7759.

April has two events lined up, a CACC event on April 3rd and 4th. Then we have a Conference event on the 17th and 18th of April. Please mark these dates on your calendar. I look forward to seeing all of you and working together for another safe and great race season.

I will make every effort to send out email notices before every event, sure would appreciate a call or email to let me know if you will be able to participate for that weekend.

Thanks.....see you all soon!

Irene

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February 9, 2004

SOVREN Race Chairman Dick Buckingham in accident

Hi Fellow Racing Drivers, Guild Members and Friends,

I was contacted by Tom Armstrong this evening with the news that while racing in New Zealand, Dick Buckingham was involved in a severe accident and is in a coma. The accident happened sometime on Friday (Our time...it would have been Saturday in New Zealand). Tom's information was sketchy regarding the particulars of the accident but it appears that Dick was knocked unconscious and may have been without oxygen for a while. He is at the hospital in a small town in New Zealand and a neurologist, from Seattle (Who is also a friend of the Armstrong's.) is in consultation with the doctor's over there. According to Tom, they have followed all the correct protocol's regarding a coma and have administered some sort of drug (I am assuming it has something to do with keeping the swelling of the brain under control.) that they have now taken him off...he has been off the medication for about 18 hours but is still in the coma. At this point they don't know what will happen. Judy is, as we can imagine, pretty shook but she does have many of their N.Z friends (and a Seattle contingent of racers) supporting her. Susan Armstrong may decide to fly there and be with her.

There isn't much any of us can do but to keep Dick and Judy in our prayers...and also pray that the doctors are able to pull him through this difficult time. I will keep you all updated as I get more information.

Elna Duffield

February 28, 2004

Dick Buckingham Update

Dear Friends,

I finally have some additional news regarding Dick Buckingham. I wish that I could say he has come out of his coma but at my last conversation with Tom Armstrong, Dick's condition was the same. The information that I can share is, that the final arrangements were made to have Dick transported from Christchurch N.Z. to Seattle. He, Judy and Susan Armstrong will be arriving in Seattle on Saturday (February 29th). Dick will be immediately transferred to the University of WA Hospital. It has been a challenge to find a way to transport Dick back to Seattle and the cost of the flight alone will be \$38,000.00. This is not covered by insurance. Many of you have emailed asking if there is any way that you can help Dick and Judy during this time. So much, right now, is "out of our hands" but we do know that the financial implications of the transport and the possible longterm care of Dick will probably be devastating to Judy. In the hopes of relieving some of that cost, we have set up a benevolent fund at Washington Mutual Bank. Contributions to this account can be made by either by going to a local branch or mailing a check to the address listed below.

WA Mutual Acct. #: 094-350089-4 Checks should be written to: Donna Thorson FBO Dick Buckingham.

The new laws require the name of the person whose Social Security Number is on the account has to be on the payee part. FBO means for the benefit of. WaMU has sent out an email to all branches announcing that the account is open and put it on their benevolent account list. This way if some one just walks in the account can be easily located. If the check is sent directly to Donna, she will compile a list of donors so that Judy can thank them (This isn't something that we think she needs to do but something that we think she would want to do!). If you would prefer to deposit the check directly into the account but still would like to let Judy know about your support, you can send Donna (tdthorson@comcast.net) or me an email (No need to include amount of deposit) and we will be sure to include your name. Donna's Mailing address is: Donna Thorson / 18820 SE 42nd ST / Issaquah, WA 98027 / Tel: 425-641-3551

At this time, I don't think it would serve a purpose to visit Dick in the hospital...if Judy decides it would be of help, I will let you all know. You can also contact her directly through her email (rebjrm@ix.netcom.com). Although she has told me that she hasn't been able to respond to most of the e-mail, I know that she has really appreciated the notes of encouragement and prayer. She asked me to thank everyone for their best wishes and said they have meant a lot.

Sincerely,

Elna Duffield

425-823-6081

Opportunity of a lifetime

Last year at the ALMS race in Laguna Seca, I ran into a friend of mine who is a turn worker and a writer for Motorsport.com; we started talking about the media side of racing and I expressed my interest about maybe trying my hand at doing some writing for them. Well, the months went by and I figured that I would send her some samples of my writing when the season got closer...then I received an email from her. She sent along a media release for a certain press conference to be held here in Vancouver. Her note was, it's there and so are you...want to try your hand at it? I replied back in a real hurry and asked where I needed to sign!

The press conference was held February 10th. Paul Tracy was there to receive the 'Molson Canadian Award of Excellence' and to kick off the ticket sales for this years' Molson Indy Vancouver. I was there, tape recorder in hand and wishing that I hadn't had so much coffee. The presentation and general information conference lasted about 10 or so minutes, then I and many other reporters were allowed to interview Paul.

I was in a may lay at first, trying to squeeze in beside (which I found out later was) Jay Janower. I stood there recording and waited until the frenzy started to fade. I was left standing there with about four other reporters and when it came time for me to quickly come out and ask him a question, I thought that I had misplaced my tongue somewhere and my knees started to shake. I thought for sure that my knees were knocking together and that everyone could hear them.

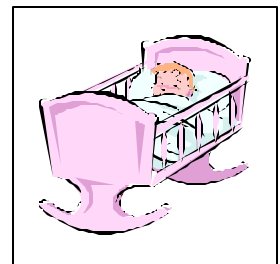
I managed to get in two questions and then proceeded to rush home and get typing. A couple of hours later it was ready to go and I sent it off to Nancy. To my surprise, in this wonderful fast paced world of cyberspace, my article was posted on Motorsport.com about three minutes later. Regardless to say, my mother emailed a link to everyone that she knows in the free world...

So here I am, sitting in front of my computer the day after the conference, typing out this story after having my words and thoughts published on a website for everyone who has access to a computer to read (which makes me a little nervous). All I can say is that it was a plethora of emotions that I went through and if given the chance, I would do it again in an instant. That is why I have agreed to write a Magazine Feature about PT and all the questions that were asked and this should be out sometime before Long Beach...so keep your eyes posted.

Krystyna Mitchell



*Congratulations to
Mikko Kauppi's and his wife Dyan
who just had a baby girl,
Liisa Helena*



Submitted by Irene Chambers, From motorsport.com website

Paul Tracy Receives Canadian Award of Excellence

Date: February 10, 2004

Vancouver, BC, Canada

By Krystyna Mitchell - Motorsport.com

2003 Champ Car World Series Champion Paul Tracy joined Vancouver's Mayor Larry Campbell, Molson Sport and Entertainment Vice President, Bob Singleton to kick off the ticket sales for this years' Molson Indy Vancouver. Mayor Campbell and Molson Sales Manager, Sean Lanigan also presented Paul Tracy with the 'Molson Canadian Award of Excellence'.

Vancouver, just being voted one of the top three cities in the world, Mayor Larry Campbell was pleased to announce the return of the Champ Car World Series to the Molson Indy Vancouver. "The Molson Indy is one of the things that makes Vancouver a great city," Campbell stated.

After the announcement that Vancouver won the bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics, the future of the Molson Indy hung in the balance. Campbell expressed his pleasure that the Molson Indy will continue on in Vancouver this year and stated that the event "is second to none for [the] excitement.and Vancouver is proud to welcome the Molson Indy Vancouver."

In conjunction with the teams and drivers that have come and participated in Vancouver over the years, Sean Lanigan stated that they have raised over a million dollars for charity in British Columbia.

Lanigan presented Tracy with the 'Molson Canadian Award of Excellence' for being the top driver last year in Canada.

"I can stand up here being proud and glad to say that I'm going to be coming back to the Molson Indy Canadian events.as the series champion; driving with the #1 on my car," expressed Tracy, adding that he hopes that the whole country is proud of his achievement and will come out and support the events.

Tracy expressed his excitement about the start of the season, and stated that he and teammate Patrick Carpentier will be headed to Laguna Seca within the next couple of weeks for their first test at Spring Training.

Tracy feels confident in the direction that OWRS is taking the Champ Car World Series and added, "[There will be] some key announcements in the next week or two with a couple of upcoming events that are really going to excite a lot of the fans," and was not able to elaborate beyond that.

Tracy thanked both Molson and the City of Vancouver for putting on the event, and stated that he is looking forward to another great year in 2004. The 15th anniversary of the Molson Indy Vancouver is scheduled to run July 23, 24 and 25.

Ice Race AGM & Banquet

Saturday, March 27th at the Sundance Inn in Ladner

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RACE OFFICIALS DIVISION

ROD is the worker division of the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (ICSCC). Membership is open to all workers in all specialties from all organizing clubs who belong to ICSCC. The annual fee has been waived this year, which covers membership from January to December of each year. Membership entitles you to receive the ICSCC newsletter, a 'year' patch and also makes you eligible to qualify for year end awards, including Worker of the Year. Working two races at your home track plus one event at another ICSCC racetrack will give you a wooden plaque with a red 'year' decal. Working 8 races will get you a free ticket to the year end ICSCC Banquet.

Here are the different awards for the number of races worked:
(Subject to change depending on the number of races in a year)

All races GOLD
9-11 races SILVER
6-8 races BLUE
3-5 races RED

ROD members are welcome to attend a year end worker meeting which is held on the morning of the annual ICSCC banquet to discuss the past season.

For further information contact your ROD representative:

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Questions being asked after Daytona accident

By MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Dave Brown was removing scraps of metal from one mangled car off a New Jersey road course when he heard the others speeding around a turn near him. The longtime track safety worker could tell by the roaring engines that the cars were coming too fast, and that he'd have little time to get out of the way. "I did a swan dive over the guardrail," Brown recalled about the narrow escape nearly 20 years ago that is embedded in his memory.

Brown, now the track safety coordinator for the Indy Racing League, was fortunate. He wasn't hurt and, after 38 years on the job, that remains his closest call.

With every race, track workers like Brown put their lives on the line, scrambling on and off tracks to clean up twisted metal, rubber shreds and other debris. They often work in traffic, among fast cars and in places where drivers cannot always see them.

Three weeks ago, Roy H. Weaver III, 44, was killed when he was struck by a car traveling more than 100 mph during a caution period at Daytona International Speedway. Weaver, who worked at the track for seven years, was collecting debris from an earlier accident.

Daytona Beach police ruled the death an accident, but officials of the IPOWERacing series for compact cars are still trying to determine what, if anything, could have been done to prevent it. "We will monitor the investigation and make sure that anything that might come out of that investigation that can help us improve our system will certainly be looked at closely," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said.

Among the three biggest American series - NASCAR, the IRL and the Champ Car World Series - that compete for TV ratings and fans, it's moments like this that unify them. Most track safety workers are part-timers - emergency room doctors, paramedics, nurses, firefighters - who do it because they love the sport, not to get rich. Unlike drivers, track workers do not benefit from sophisticated equipment such as head and neck restraints and soft wall barriers, or cars designed to absorb the impact of a crash. Though the track safety workers usually wear brightly colored uniforms, they are virtually defenseless if a driver cannot react quickly enough or, worse yet, doesn't see them. IRL workers don't even wear helmets because, Brown said, it limits peripheral vision. "When you sit a couple inches off the ground, everything looks like racetrack," said Lon Bromley, director of the Champ Car safety team. "When a person is walking on a racetrack, he blends in. "Safety workers need to understand that they're out there on the driver's turf and they need to be accountable out there," he added. "But there's always a risk when we put a worker on the track."

The question now being asked is what can be done to better protect the most vulnerable people on the track?

Bromley has never had a safety worker killed on the track, and since the IRL's formation in 1996, neither has Brown.

Their precautions include:

- Parking emergency vehicles on the track in front of workers to shield them from cars.
- Sending safety teams onto the track in vehicles with flashing lights and using at least one crew member to direct traffic while others clean up debris. Different colored flags also are used as a warning.
- Using radio contact to inform race control officials, drivers and spotters how and where to direct drivers out of the workers' way.

However, Randy Claypoole, executive vice president for IPOWERacing, said the investigation into Weaver's death has revealed some safety procedures were not followed. "Communication has to take place," Claypoole said. "Furthermore, a safety truck was supposed to be placed between the worker and several drivers have said they never saw a truck to warn them."

Drivers in the race, however, said the crash occurred on the most dangerous part of the track, where there is only 200 yards of visibility.

Ray Paprota, the first known paraplegic to compete in a national stock-car race series, had just left the pits and was trying to catch up to the main pack. Claypoole said that was normal race procedure in the IPOWERacing series, which was running its first race as the sanctioning body of the IPOWER Dash 150. Witnesses said that as Paprota came into Turn 2, he appeared to spot Weaver and immediately hit his brakes, which are operated by a lever behind his steering wheel. The car fishtailed, and the rear of the passenger side struck Weaver.

IPOWER's next race is April 10 at Hickory, N.C., and there is no indication about whether there'll be any new policies.

"If something can be changed, we'll change it," Claypoole said.

But as racing officials search for better ways to protect their workers, Bromley, Brown and others know it will always be a risky job. "You have to have a game plan in place the whole time," Brown said. "But you can't worry about it."

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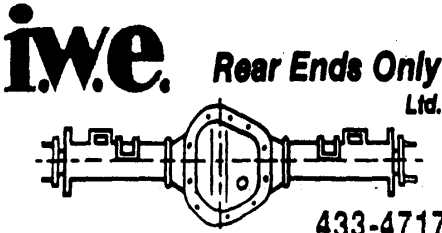
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Turn Marshal's Meeting

Everyone is welcome!

March 16, 2004

7:30pm

1112 Alderside Rd. Port Moody

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Fire School

March 21, 2004

10:30am

School will consist of fire bottle workings, anatomy of a fire, fire suppression and first response instruction

From cart.com website

INDIANAPOLIS (February 20, 2004) – Recently retired Chief Steward Wally Dallenbach Sr. is as much a staple in the Champ Car World Series as the familiar howl of a turbocharged V8 engine that has defined the series for so many great years. For his efforts in the sport of Champ Car racing as a pioneer, a driver and a governing figure, the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey recently announced Dallenbach as one of eight sports legends to be honored in their 12th class of inductees this fall.

As a driver, the East Brunswick, New Jersey native raced Champ Cars for 14 years before retiring from the cockpit to become one of the series' first employees when the sanctioning body was formed in the late 1970s. He drove in 180 Champ Car races from 1965- 1979, winning five times in his career.

Dallenbach joined Champ Car as Competition Director in 1980 then became Chief Steward in 1981. As the Chief Steward, he was considered to be among the top five officials in the sport of auto racing in the world.

He will be enshrined in the Hall with other Garden State greats from arenas spanning MLB, the NBA, the NFL and Olympic figure skating at a dinner and induction ceremony in September.

"The nominating committee and the Board are very grateful to have such a vast collection of outstanding athletes to choose from," said Acting Chairman of the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame Bart Oates. "The depth of athletic talent in the Garden State is staggering, from baseball to auto racing, from football to figure skating, New Jersey athletes have set records, raised the bar, and made their mark in virtually every corner of the world of sports. The wide range of talents displayed by this amazing class of athletes simply underscores New Jersey's outstanding sports legacy."

In addition, Dallenbach was responsible for bringing the safety team program to Champ Car– now known as the industry standard for motorsports safety– and established non-denominational church services for the families and teams involved in the series.

Since the first induction ceremony in 1993, the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey has enshrined 87 legends and 13 special events. Their plaques are on permanent display in the Continental Airlines Arena at the Meadowlands Sports Complex where millions of people can view them and pay homage. Visit the Hall of Fame's web site at www.sportshalloffamenj.org, or call (201) 507-8134 for ticket information.

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NASCAR looks to Northwest

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- When Kasey Kahne and Greg Biffle left Washington state a few years ago to pursue NASCAR racing careers, they figured family and friends better have a good television set. The closest Nextel Cup race was a two-hour plane ride away in Sonoma, Calif. Turns out their hometown supporters soon may not have to travel far to watch them work. International Speedway Corporation, NASCAR's sister company and the owner of tracks such as Daytona and Talladega (Ala.) super speedways, has confirmed its intentions to build a racing facility in the Northwest -- preferably along the Interstate 5 corridor in Washington. If the plan comes to fruition, it would likely serve as a venue for NASCAR's marquee Nextel Cup series, bringing stock car's big league to the only corner of the country missing from the schedule. "We're in the very, very early process of this thing, but certainly we feel it's an under-served market, a great market," ISC spokesman David Talley said. "There's plenty of people there saying we need a track." Talley said the facility could be similar to the three-quarter-mile Richmond (Va.) International Raceway, or perhaps a short track like the hugely popular half-mile at Bristol, Tenn. ISC is looking for 500 to 1,000 acres and reportedly has sites in mind in Snohomish and Pierce counties. Although no one will officially acknowledge it, if ISC builds a track it should only be a matter of time before NASCAR delivers a Nextel Cup event. They are part of the same corporate family. Even if the Nextel Cup Series isn't scheduled immediately, NASCAR could hold a Busch Grand National Series race or Craftsman Truck Series event. It would also be a dream venue for the Raybestos Northwest Touring Series, one of NASCAR's most competitive late model circuits. Beyond the stock cars, it would make a great stop for the Indy Racing League. With uncertainty in the Champ Car World Series ranks, events in Portland and Vancouver, B.C., could be dropped. For years, NASCAR president Mike Helton has all but dismissed the Pacific Northwest due to lack of a proper facility and weather concerns. Yesterday, however, he acknowledged NASCAR's premier series would benefit from a Northwest venue under the right conditions. "That's certainly a populous part of the country, that when you look at a map there is no current NASCAR race inventory," Helton said. "But there're reasons why and weather is certainly one of them." ISC vice president Lee Combs recently conceded as much, but was adamant that proper planning could overcome the chance of poor weather. "We have done a little bit of research, and we believe that there is a very good dry window during the summertime," Combs said. "That window is covered up pretty good right now (in the schedule), however. That's one of the tasks when you approach NASCAR, to start to bring all the loose ends together. We know they (NASCAR) want to be in the Pacific Northwest. They want to be in that market." Weather hasn't kept Pacific Raceways in Kent from holding a successful National Hot Rod Association event every July. "If you center it around the right weekends, you've got as good a chance as anywhere for a nice day," Pacific Raceways president Jason Fiorito said. "I'd put one of our days in July up against Atlanta in March any time." A concern locally is the track could create competition for the NASCAR-sanctioned short tracks, such as Monroe's Evergreen Speedway or Tenino's South Sound Speedway. The upside is the interest that would be generated in racing that would benefit all Northwest tracks. The economic boon to the area is another positive aspect. It could potentially be the biggest single-day sporting event in the state. Although attendance figures aren't officially released, Richmond typically draws a crowd of about 110,000, while Bristol attendance is closer to 150,000. "I've spoken with some ISC representatives and we are very excited about the potential of Nextel Cup coming here. It would do nothing but elevate the whole motor-sports community," Fiorito said. "We'd go instantaneously from a perceived non-racing town to a racing town." Non-Northwest Nextel Cup drivers appeared enthusiastic. "I just look at it as an opportunity to broaden our horizons with fans and sponsors," California native Robby Gordon said. "It's amazing how much this series has grown in the West over the past two years. This would take us to another marketplace. It's just a good idea." The process could take five to 10 years. NASCAR has been conducting a similar "feasibility study" outside New York City for the past four years without breaking ground. In the meantime, it has generated a positive buzz around the NASCAR garage as drivers came to town in preparation for the Feb. 15 season-opening Daytona 500. "I felt it was a matter of time," said Biffle of Vancouver, Wash., who like Enumclaw's Kahne will compete in the Busch Grand National and Nextel Cup series in 2004. "Before I quit racing, I figured I'd see something up there. I don't think they (NASCAR) realize what it will do for our sport. I bet it will be one of the highest-attended races on the circuit." Added Kahne, "This would be huge. I never thought it would happen."

Year 2004 Race Schedule --- March to Mid-July

Date	Event –Track	Club	Location
Mar 13&14	Group Practice – CARTBC	WKA/CKR	Chilliwack BC
Mar 20&21	Alternate Practice – CARTBC	WKA/CKR	Chilliwack BC
Mar 20&21	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Mar 27&28	Coastal Club Race #1 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Apr 3&4	CACC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 3&4	Westwood Club Race #1 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Apr 16&17	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 17&18	Coastal Club Race #2 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Apr 17&18	ICSCC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 17&18	Grand Prix of Long Beach	OWRS	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 24&25	Westwood Club Race #2 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
May 1	Heart of Darkness TSD Rally	WCRA	Fraser Valley, BC
May 1&2	Historic Motor Races – MRP	VRCBC	Mission, BC
May 8&9	BC Regionals – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack BC
May 8&9	ICSCC Race # 2 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
May 14/15/16	National/Regional/Vintage – PIR West Coast Star Mazda(SCCA)	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 15&16	Coastal Club Race #3&4 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
May 15&16	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 22&23	ICSCC Race # 3 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 22&23	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	OASC	Kelowna, BC
May 22&23	Motorcycle Races #1 – MRP	WMRC	Mission, BC
May 22&23	Monterrey Grand Prix	OWRS	Monterrey, Mexico
May 29/30/31	Double National/Regional – PR West Coast Star Mazda(SCCA)	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 29&30	Westwood Club Race #3 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Jun 4&5	Milwaukee Mile	OWRS	West Allis, Wis
Jun 5&6	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	WCRA	Vanc. Island, BC
Jun 5&6	Coastal Club Race #5 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Jun 5&6	ICSCC Race # 4 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 11/12/13	Rose Cup Nat/Reg/Vint – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jun 12&13	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 12&13	ICSCC Race # 5 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 19&20	Portland Grand Prix	OWRS	Portland, Or
Jun 19&20	U.S. Grand Prix	Formula 1	Indianapolis, Ind
Jun 19&20	Westwood Club Race #4 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Jun 26&27	Coastal Club Race #6 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Jun 26&27	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Cache Creek, BC
Jul 2/3/4	Double Regional/Vintage – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jul 2/3/4	Pacific NW Historics – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Jul 3&4	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 3&4	Street Race – Port Alberni (Tent.)	BCKCA	Port Alberni, BC
Jul 3&4	Cleveland Grand Prix	OWRS	Cleveland, Ohio
Jul 9/10/11	Portland Historic Races-PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Jul 10&11	Westwood Club Race #5 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Jul 10&11	Molson Indy Toronto	OWRS	Toronto, Ont
Jul 16/17/18	ICSCC Race # 6 & 7 – SRP	TC	Spokane, Wa
Jul 17&18	Coastal Club Race #7&8 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC

Legend:

--MRP--
Mission Raceway Park

--PR--
Pacific Raceways

--SRP--
Spokane Raceway Park

--PIR--
Portland International Raceway

-- CARTBC --
Chilliwack Area Race Track, BC

-- BCKCA --
BC Kart Club Association

--CACC--
Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs

-- CKR --
Coastal Kart Racers

--CSCC--
Cascade Sports Car Club

--ICSCC--
International Conference of Sports Car Clubs

--IRDC--
International Race Drivers Club

-- SCCA --
Sports Car Club of America

-- SCCA/NWR --
Sports Car Club of America/North West Region

-- SCCA/OR --
Sports Car Club of America/Oregon Region

--SCCBC--
Sports Car Club Of BC

--SOVREN--
Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts

--TC--
Team Continental

--VRCBC--
Vintage Racing Club of BC

-- WCRA --
West Coast Rally Association

-- WKA --
Westwood Karting Association

-- WMRC --
Westwood Motorcycle Racing Club

Year 2004 Race Schedule --- Mid-July to November

Date	Event –Track	Club	Location
Jul 23/24/25	ALMS – PIR National Star Mazda(SCCA) Speed World Challenge(SCCA) Super Trucks(STRANA)	IMSA	Portland, Or
Jul 23/24/25	Molson Indy Vancouver Toyota Atlantics(OWRS) CASCAR Sedan Invitational(SCCBC)	OWRS	Vancouver, BC
Jul 24&25	Gold Digger TSD Rally	WCRA	Squamish, BC
Jul 24&25	Motorcycle Races #2 – MRP	WMRC	Mission, BC
Jul 31&Aug 1	Double Regional Vintage(SOVREN)	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Jul 31& Aug1	KARTS Regional	BCKCA	Quesnel, BC
Aug 7&8	ICSCC Race # 8 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Aug 7&8	Stars of Tomorrow Nationals – CARTBC	OWRS	Chilliwack BC
Aug 7&8	Road America	OWRS	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Aug 14&15	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 14&15	Regional/Vintage/Solo – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 14&15	Grand Prix of Denver	OWRS	Denver, Colo
Aug 21&22	Canadian Nationals – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack BC
Aug 21&22	Tentative – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
Aug 28&29	ICSCC Race # 9 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 28&29	Westwood Club Race #6 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Aug 28&29	Molson Indy Montreal	OWRS	Montreal, PQ
Sep 4&5	ICSCC Race # 10 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 4&5	Coastal Club Race #9 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Sep 4/5/6	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Sep 11&12	Regional/Vintage – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Sep 11&12	Grand Prix of Monterey (Laguna)	OWRS	Monterey, Ca
Sep 18&19	Westwood Club Race #7 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Sep 25&26	Coastal Club Race #10 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Sep 25&26	Fall Finale with Enduro – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 25&26	ICSCC Race # 11 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep ??	Champ Car Date and Venue TBA	OWRS	
Oct 2&3	ICSCC Race # 12 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Oct 2&3	Motorcycle Races #3 – MRP	WMRC	Mission, BC
Oct 9&10	Maryhill Hillclimb	SOVREN	Goldendale, Wa
Oct 9&10	Regional/Vintage – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Oct 9&10	Westwood Club Race #8 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Oct 16&17	CACC Race#3 & Enduro – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Oct 16&17	Coastal Club Race #11&12– CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Oct 16&17	Pacific Forest Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Oct 16&17	Seoul Grand Prix	OWRS	Seoul, South Korea
Oct 23&24	Westwood Club Race #9 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Oct 23&24	Indy 300	OWRS	Surfers Paradise, Australia
Oct 30	Midnight TSD Rally	WCRA	Nanaimo, BC
Nov 6&7	Mexico City Grand Prix	OWRS	Mexico City, Mexico
Nov 13&14	Totem TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior
Nov ??	Champ Car Date and Venue TBA	OWRS	

Legend:

--MRP--
 Mission Raceway
 Park
--PR--
 Pacific Raceways
--SRP--
 Spokane Raceway
 Park
--PIR--
 Portland
 International
 Raceway
-- CARTBC --
 Chilliwack Area
 Race Track, BC

-- BCKCA --
 BC Kart Club
 Association
--CACC--
 Confederation of
 Autosport Car Clubs
-- CKR --
 Coastal Kart Racers
--CSCC--
 Cascade Sports Car
 Club
--ICSCC--
 International
 Conference of
 Sports Car Clubs
--IRDC--
 International Race
 Drivers Club
-- SCCA --
 Sports Car Club of
 America
-- SCCA/NWR --
 Sports Car Club of
 America/North West
 Region
-- SCCA/OR --
 Sports Car Club of
 America/Oregon
 Region
--SCCBC--
 Sports Car Club Of
 BC
--SOVREN--
 Society of Vintage
 Racing Enthusiasts
--TC--
 Team Continental
--VRCBC--
 Vintage Racing Club
 of BC
-- WCRA --
 West Coast Rally
 Association
-- WKA --
 Westwood Karting
 Association
-- WMRC --
 Westwood
 Motorcycle Racing
 Club