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META meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month except December. Publication deadline is the 30th of each month. Submissions may be faxed or e-mailed to the Editor.

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## Speed reading

Dec 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 7&8	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 14&15	Ice Race # 1 -- Alternate Date	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 21&22	Ice Race # 2 and Enduro -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 28	META Banquet – Beluga's	6:00	Langley, BC
Feb 4&5	Ice Race # 3 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 18&19	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Feb 26&27	Ice Race # 4 -- Alternate Date	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC

Please Note that Ice Races are subject to Ice and Weather conditions. Please call the hotline or check the website before traveling. [www.carsonice.ca](http://www.carsonice.ca) 604-945-4592

## Congratulations

to the

*2006 META Executive*

*President: Ann Peters*

*Vice President: Nick Roche*

*Treasurer: Max Thompson*

*Secretary: Mark Miller*



Please take note that starting in January, META meetings have gone back to a monthly schedule. The meeting location has changed to the Boston Pizza in New Westminster, located at 1045 Columbia Street. Meetings will continue to start at 7:30pm.  
***There will be no meeting in December.***

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



2005 Celebration

META Banquet

January 28, 2006

Beluga's Bar and Grill 

21671 Fraser Highway, Langley BC

Cocktails 6:00 pm – Dinner – 7:00 pm – Awards: 7:45  
Buffet Dinner

Music Provided by “Freddy Yawman”

Please contact Irene for tickets – 604-944-7759  
chambersw@shaw.ca to advise your intent to attend

Deadline for tickets – January 25, 2006

Tickets must be paid for in advance

**TICKETS \$35.00**

Special Room Rates @ Travelodge Langley City

(Next door to Beluga's)

\$69Single/\$74Double

21653 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC

604-533-4431

You are invited  
to  
**Roger and Ann's Annual Open House**  
Saturday December 10th  
Any time after 2:00pm  
BYOB, there will be food provided  
10952 McAdam Road, Delta, BC  
604-581-7189

## Entertainment Books

META has Entertainment books for sale at the low, low, price of \$46. They're going fast! Only 8 left. Please contact Max Thompson to get yours. 604-582-0043 or courtneymax@shaw.ca

From Northwest Endurance Racing Series website <http://www.nwers.com/>

## **IRDC Presents: Four Hours of Pacific Raceways**

The Northwest Endurance Racing Series is a number of endurance automobile races held at venues in the Pacific Northwest. We're a group of racers who particularly enjoy endurance events and hope you will join us to race, support, or spectate.

Our first race is a four-hour endurance race that will be held on the weekend of the IRDC driving school at Pacific Raceways. Race will be Sunday March 12, 2006.

### **Our Mission**

As racers ourselves, we know that the Pacific Northwest winters are a time for jack stands and bench racing. By the time March rolls around, we're all ready to get the keys in the ignition and let it rip.

We will work to promote a new concept for endurance racing in the Pacific Northwest that kicks off the season with a four-hour endurance race. This shorter endurance event is not a stretch for a two-driver team with club racing experience and offers a great opportunity to clean out the cobwebs and get your car on the track again before your championship season begins.

This four-hour race is the inaugural event for the development of our endurance racing series that will target tracks throughout the Pacific Northwest in the years to come. Come and join us this coming March for this exciting event and be involved from the beginning!

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I'm starting a list of those folks interested in working our enduro on March 12 of 06'. We'd love to have you here for that, especially since it is a new event, complete with trophy stand and trophy girl, a big BBQ after the event, and possibly worker raffle and gas money if possible. We're working on sponsors really hard. The event is 9:00 to 11:00 for practice, and noon to 4:00 for the enduro. Please contact me if you can work this event so I can add you to the list.

Thanks, Wes Tipton

206-423-3120

openwheel27@hotmail.com

# A Huge Congratulations To All

The Awards Banquet for ICSCC this year was a tremendous success. There was a lot of laughter and camaraderie the whole evening.

The ROD Awards this year, being presented by the drivers, was well received by all, and we would like to thank these drivers, and hopefully this has started a tradition.

The following is a list of all ROD members that worked hard to achieve the various levels of recognition. This year there was an excellent turn out of the members to receive their award in person (25 out of 34). Over 60% of the membership earned achievement levels.

The ROD members and all the volunteers that were there that night stood and gave a huge round of applause to the drivers, crews, and long suffering families for donating over \$11,000.00 to the worker fund this past season.

This awards program though, does not openly thank, recognize, and show appreciation to **all** the volunteers that worked hard throughout the season. It takes more than just the ROD to put on an event, and the ROD would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of those volunteers.

Lynn Yeo  
ROD Director

## **RED (3-5 Races): Presented by Kyle Oberndorf**

Bonnie Aarseth	Jo Adair	John Bradshaw	Irene Chambers
Diana Dance	Gail Fetterman	Gary Frasier	Angus Glass
Bonnie Healy	Vic Kennedy	Krystyna Mitchell	Dave Nex
Don Souter	Sandy Meggyesi		

## **Blue (6-8 Races): Presented by Mike Volk**

David Bell	Richard Breen	George Chambers	Karen Clouston
Teresa Hanken	Cy Kratzer	Mark Miller	Jim O'Keefe
Ann Peters	Nick Roche	Roger Salomon	

## **Silver (9-11 Races): Presented by Mike "Groove Thing" Blaszczak**

Andrew Clouston	Cathy Frasier	Scott Haun	Adam Jacobsen
Robbie Jacobsen	Ken Killam	Roxann Vine	

## **Gold (all 12 Races): Presented by Dennis Peters**

Thomas Liesner      Lynn Yeo

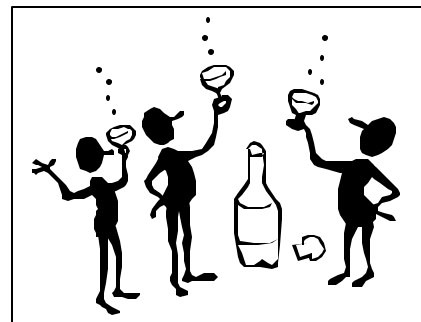
## **ICSCC WORKER OF THE YEAR: Presented by Bob Spreen**

### **Adam Jacobsen**

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ICSCC Novice Driver of the Year  
Nicholas Belling,  
#332 White Formula 2000, Velocity Racing

ICSCC Driver of The Year  
Mike Blaszczak,  
#45 White BMW, Screwy Lizard Racing





## 2006 Ice Race Schedule

January 7 & 8

(January 14 & 15 alternate)

January 21 & 22 Enduro Weekend

February 4 & 5

February 18 & 19

(February 26 & 27 alternate)

### Ice Racer for Sale:

Very Fast 4WD Subaru with 13B rotary engine, street ported, 4bbl Holley, Stainless steel exhaust, 4 core rad, large oil cooler, 4 wheel disc brakes, rear sway bar. Optional front wing and lexan fence(unique to ice racing) Custom dash, set up for dual batteries(batteries not included!!!) racing seat, full cage, large fuel tank(good for the enduros). Lots of tires and rims. Studded, Screwed, and Rubber to Ice tires, also set of slicks used for hillclimb. 13",14" steel rims, 13",14",15" mags. Lots of spare parts, also spare engine.

Contact Andrew at 604-942-4974 or atc16@shaw.ca

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## Worker Profile: Sandra Lin Meggyesi

Family: *Mother-Mary, Sister-Kathie and Brother-in-Law-Tom, Cat-Apollo*

Birthplace: *Surrey, BC-Yep, I'm a Surrey girl!*

Occupation: *Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones (6 years)*

Hobbies/Activities outside of racing: *Hiking/Walks, Photography, Baking/Cooking, Still working on getting Private Pilot's License, recently joined CASARA-Civil Air Search and Rescue*

Customary/favorite job at track: *Communicator of course!*

How and why did you get involved in race working and/or META.

*It was eons ago-feels like anyways. I attended a driving school that Ross Bentley ran and after the school went to him to see if I could help out at the Molson Indy-but not doing crowd control-I don't babysit! Danielle Baxter was working for him at the time and she invited me down to a Driver School in Seattle.*

*I had no idea what I should bring with me, so I traveled light with basically the clothes on my back. Big mistake! I worked turn 6 with Ted Thiessen and we froze! Then we had heavy rain and I was soaked. They still had the bathroom down in the gully which was convenient. I tried to make a quick dash between sessions which wasn't quick enough. I heard Ted blow his whistle and so I made a dash up the hill. Well the rain had stopped, but the grass was slippery. I was cold, feet numb and just wanted to be safe back at the station. In my haste, my upper body traveling faster than my feet, I managed to do a huge face plant about 15 feet away from the track. There I lay, cars going by, laughing my head off, not caring about how wet I was. Poor Ted was yelling in a panic to see if I was okay and once I lifted my head and he saw me laughing, he couldn't help himself! As I got up, I saw him doubled over laughing and pointing at me. I also saw the drivers as the drove by looking at me with big smiles that were quite apparent, even with a helmet on.*

*It's a good thing nothing happened as he couldn't have made the call anyways. Well, after spending a day like that and loving it, we both knew I was hooked.*

When did you get involved? *Hmmmm, 1992!!!*

What do you like most about it? *Everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting, the traveling, the races*

What do you like least about it? *Rain, politics, did I mention rain? Yes definitely the rain—makes races fun, but miserable to work in!*

If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose? *I would like to travel all road and street circuits for Champ Car and work as a communicator on the turn of my choice*

Do you have any racing or race working "heroes"? Who are they? *Workers-all of you!! Drivers-I have many but... Gary Koehn, Jimmy Vasser and Greg Moore and Ross Bentley to name a few*

What is your Favorite:

Track? *Street Circuit-Long Beach-if Vancouver was still around that would be my answer, Road Course-Seattle*

Turn? *Mission-3, Seattle-3, Portland-1, Vancouver-old track-chicane, new one-Turn 6*

First year event? *If you mean the first year I started-that would be the Vancouver Molson Indy and I was stuck in the tunnel (Yuck!) however, Gary Barnard really put me at ease as my first time communicating for them.*

Event? *Vintage races, ALMS, Champ, Club-sorry, can't pick just one-guess I like them all!*

Race group? *I like all groups when the grids are large*

What race stands out the most in your memory, and why? *That's a tough one...I remember bits and pieces from many events. One that stands out is the last IMSA race at Portland when I got to meet Dan Gurney and have my picture taken with Juan Manuel Fangio II and PJ Jones.*

What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice?

*First of all-have fun! Be careful! Listen to those around you as there is a wealth of information and experience you can learn from. Lastly, you will never meet a better bunch of people! These people are my extended family and I couldn't imagine my life without them*

(Sandy Profile Cont'd)

What is your favorite:

Food? *Italian*

Book? *Seinfeld-Sein Language*

Movie? *Action-Indian Jones-pick any one, Chick Flick-Bridget Jones Diary*

Magazine? *No favorites-anything with home renos, food, or cars*

Car? *1987 BMW325is – what can I say-I luv my car!*

Dream car? *BMW Z3 or Z4-not picky*

Are you a frustrated racer? What car would you race?

*I'm not a frustrated racer. I would love to try autocross but that will come later. Too much on the go already. If I did go racing, it would be in a BMW and I would have to have Noel as my mechanic.*

What was the:

Most embarrassing thing you ever did at the track?

*Hmm, so many to pick from. I am sure you would all love a crack at this one. However, the one that comes to mind was when we were all camping at Seattle-I think it was a Conference weekend, can't really remember. It had rained that night and was miserable the next morning. We were camped by a trailer that had the front portion we were using as shelter for some of our stuff. Someone asked me to grab the paper towels that were on a bench seat under the overhang of the trailer. I misjudged the distance and went full speed banging my forehead into the trailer so hard, it knocked me flat on my back. I don't remember if I was actually knocked out, maybe George does. I remember my head hurt, I felt real stupid and he was asking my my name and did I know where I was. Yep-my name is Sandy and I just hit my #%&\*!!@ head!*

*It didn't end there. I wanted to go get some groceries and felt fine however, until Medtech checked me out, no one was letting me out of their sight. So, George and Jo were nice enough to take care of me. When we got back I went to Medical but they hadn't arrived yet, so I thought I would go put my gear at the turn and come back. As I was driving around the track, everyone was waving and yelling at me. I thought-oh great! Now everyone knows what has happened! I got back in and someone from Pregrid-maybe Fran-came and filled me in. Apparently I wasn't supposed to go drop my gear off and everyone that was waving and yelling were trying to stop me! OOPS!*

Funniest thing you've seen or done at the track?

*Well, Lynn will shoot me for this, but it is one of those-you had to have been there! I was working turn 4 and she was on turn 1. I yelled out to her how impressed I was that she hadn't called in as another turn so far this weekend. Well the next call she screwed up!!!!.*

*I laughed so hard my crew thought I needed oxygen as I was crouched on the ground and doubled over from laughing so hard. It got worse when I looked over at her and saw the glare she gave me as I laughed even harder after that! I am so glad all the cars behaved during my laughing fit as it was uncontrollable.*

Most dangerous event you've seen or been involved in? *I don't know about a whole event being dangerous as racing in general is dangerous. As for incidents, yeah, unfortunately seen a few of those. One of the more violent ones is the Stock Car race at Seattle a few years ago when a couple of cars came together coming out of turn 2B and one of them, the Porsche went driver's right, up the bank and sent him barrel rolling down to turn 3. That one was just ugly!*

Most awe-inspiring? *Listening to all the wonderful stories/history of racing from others*

Biggest thrill so far? *Many of them...my first experience going up in a small plane, being awarded the Buzz Bealey Memorial Award, meeting different people in racing*

What thing would you most like to have an opportunity to do?

*In Life: Get my Pilot's license, buy a plane and do more traveling, go back to Mexico*

*At the Track: Travel to more race tracks-especially Champ Car, maybe dabble in race control-and I would luv to sit in on a driver's meeting with Champ Car just for the laugh!*

Accomplishment: *My career, my home, my life-not necessarily in that order!*

Final Comments: *Life is one big educational adventure after another. Embrace it and you will be amazed at what is out there!*

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$2.00

META Crests:

Black Border/Vancouver or

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Red Border/Westwood \$3.00 each

META Decals Static for inside or

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META Pins \$3.00 each

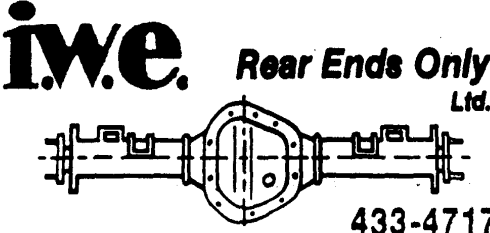
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*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with  
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Another in the continuing series on Personal Emergency Preparedness. I have taken the following information from the City of Vancouver website at <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/corpsvcs/emerg/emergsites.htm> Editor

## **Prepare your Work Place**

You probably spend at least eight hours a day or more at work, so you should prepare for disaster in your work place just as you prepare at home.

### Know your work place:

- Be aware of safe places (i.e. under heavy tables or desks; corner of rooms) and dangerous places (i.e. near windows, tall insecure bookcases) around your work area.
- Know the locations of fire extinguishers and first aid equipment (enquire with St. John Ambulance (604) 321-7242 or Red Cross (604) 709-6600 if you would like to take first aid training courses).
- Know who the floor wardens and first aid attendants in your work are. These people will help during an emergency evacuation.
- Know the safe evacuation routes from your work area. Contact your floor warden or security if you don't know or if routes have not been established.

### What to do during an emergency:

- Listen to instructions from authorized personnel and/or emergency broadcast reports on radio and TV.
- Be aware of co-workers and customers with special needs.

### Plan Ahead:

- Arrange with your family to have an out-of-area telephone contact to help coordinate your family's whereabouts.
- Familiarize yourself with your child's daycare and/or school earthquake plan, and establish arrangements for the care of your child, if separated.
- Have emergency supplies available both at home and at work. Remember that power may be disrupted, water could be contaminated and phone lines could be damaged. Your emergency kit should be able to sustain you for at least 72 hours.

Some suggestions for a workplace kit include:

Thick-soled shoes	High energy food bar
Warm jacket	Foil water pouches or bottled water
First Aid Supplies	Medications and medical information
Flashlight	Spare eyeglasses
AM/FM portable radio	Wallet-size photo of family and friends
Blanket	Money (especially coins)
Pen/pencil and paper	City Map

Keep this kit somewhere easily accessible in your work place.

# ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing.

**Deadline for submissions is January 9, 2006. Nominations may be sent to any of the awards committee. Joe Proud, Doris Gildemeister, or Barb Moewes.**

Please offer a brief explanation as to why you wish to nominate a given person for an award.

## The President's Award (META Member of the Year)

Criteria: This award is presented to a member who displays exceptional contribution to the Association and the sport on and off the track. Candidates must be members in good standing for one full membership year and have attended at least 75% of the races as a paid-up META member.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the President's Award for the following reasons:

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## The META Rookie of the Year

Criteria: Rookie of the year is a volunteer who participates in racing and must attend 50% of the races to qualify.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Rookie of the Year for the following reasons:

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## The Non-META member Worker of the Year

Criteria: Must not be a META member.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the non - META member Worker of the Year for the following reasons:

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## The Buzz Beley Memorial Award

Criteria: The Buzz Beley Memorial award is presented annually to the META member who exemplifies the spirit of the Club by making the greatest contribution towards the goal of having fun and ensuring that all workers experience the greatest enjoyment possible from Motorsport.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Buzz Beley Memorial Award for the following reasons:

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Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.  
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