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## Speed reading

Jan 8&9	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 22	IRDC Banquet – D-N-D Fab		Puyallup, WA
Jan 22&23	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 26	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 29	META Banquet – Best Western	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 5&6	Ice Race # 3 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 19&20	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Mar 5&6	Ice Race Alternate Date -- Barnes Lake	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) or 604-945-4592 or 604-612-4109

## Ice Race 2005

Well gang, it's almost here! The 2005 Ice Racing Season!!!

The schedule is Jan 8/9 and 22/23, Feb 5/6 (enduro) and 19/20. It would be great to see the kind of turnouts we had last year. The club will continue to pay for up to 4 shared rooms (4 people per room), lunches, a beer or two and a little something for gas.

We have lost a breakfast option - there was a fire at the Husky, so we are limited to Chum's, Bear Claw and Homestead (Sandmann Inn). I personally still plan to do Greek food at the Homestead Friday nights. If you want to check Thursday night if the races are on, call the hotline at 604-945-4592 or 604-612-4109.

I would love to know in advance how many people are coming (I know, why should I be any different than Roger, Dave Forster, Thomas, Irene, Dave Nex...). I will need to know by Wednesday night if you plan to use a worker room as I have to call and reserve them. My contact numbers are: home 604-543-0556, work 604-946-1361, Murray's 604-271-6598, and cel 604-862-8185.

See you when the snow flies!

Jo

*META  
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*SATURDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30pm – 1:00am*

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*COCKTAILS: 6:30 PM*

*DINNER: 7:30 PM (buffet)*

*AWARDS & DANCING TO FOLLOW*

**RESERVED TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:**

***Bernice Zosiak; 604-591-7213*** ([zosiak7213@shaw.ca](mailto:zosiak7213@shaw.ca))

***Tasma Wooton; 604-854-4245***

***Tickets will also be available at the January META meeting.  
Many thanks to Bryan N. for his work in obtaining prizes.***

From "The Province" newspaper December 17, 2004

RANDALL — Robert Cheetham

It is with a deep sense of loss that we say 'farewell to a flier', Robert Cheetham Randall, our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 11th, 2004 at the age of 96 years, joining in heaven his life mate of 74 years, Hilda.

Robert C. Randall or Bob as he was known to most, was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on November 2, 1908. Bob spent his career as a pilot, earning his license in 1928. His flying accomplishments included mapping the western Yukon and eastern Alaska with Bradford Washburn's National Geographic Expedition in the 1930s, being the first to land on a glacier, and flying Canadian Pacific Airlines' newly developed international routes in the 1950s. He was one of the initial inductees to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. When he retired at the age of 60 he had logged over 31,000 hours as pilot in command!

As well, Bob was actively involved in the Sports Car Club of BC and the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs, volunteering for over 40 years in many capacities including at the Indy Race in Vancouver. Bob leaves to mourn, his sister Edith, sons Bob Jr., Ted (Sharon), John (Pri), daughter Joan, fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends. Bob was predeceased by his wife Hilda, sisters, Florie and Phylis, brother Ted, and grandson Brian as well as Rick Kilburn.

By his choice, Bob will be cremated, with no funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held in the late afternoon, with dinner, on the 7th of May, 2005 at Misson Raceways.

Persons planning on attending please E-Mail: [bobrandall@ramsaysolutions.ca](mailto:bobrandall@ramsaysolutions.ca) with the number in the Party.

The family is grateful to the staff of The Waverly in Chilliwack for their care of both Bob and Hilda Randall in the last year.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



### **2005 Ice Race Schedule:**

January 8/9

January 22/23

February 5/6 Enduro weekend

February 19/20

March 5/6 (5th Race weekend or alternate)

## EARLY EDMONTON ACTIVITY EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS AS CANADIAN CITY READIES FOR INAUGURAL CHAMP CAR WORLD SERIES EVENT

INDIANAPOLIS (December 13, 2004) - One of the cornerstones of the Bridgestone Presents The Champ Car World Series Powered by Ford is in the support it receives from the fans, business leaders and government officials at each stop it makes in Canada.

More than 133,000 fans have come out to every one of the 37 Champ Car events ever held in Canada, so it would stand to reason that the newly-announced race to be held July 17 in Edmonton would be met with a good dose of enthusiasm.

But mere enthusiasm apparently does no justice to the response that the city of Edmonton and the province of Alberta have given to the inaugural Edmonton Grand Prix as ticket sales and business interest has exceeded all forecasts in the first weeks of availability. Event sales began less than one week ago and the phones have been ringing off the hook ever since the December 7 launch.

"The response has been absolutely beyond our wildest imagination," said Edmonton Grand Prix General Manager Greg MacDonald. "We had 40 suites forecast in our original budget but we will have 80 sold by next week. Ticket sales have been great and we haven't even started selling general admission passes yet. The three-day ticket packages have been flying out of here."

Race organizers will have grandstands to seat 48,000 fans erected around the City Center Airport layout. The track layout has been designed with those seats in mind, providing fans with the ability to see as much as 95 percent of the action at any time.

"Our Canadian markets have always been strong performers in terms of support for the Champ Car product. These early sales results in Edmonton however are nothing short of amazing and a credit to the promoter and the great City of Edmonton," said Executive Vice President of Development Joe Chmelich. "This type of performance is also a great indication that Champ Car open wheel racing is on the move, has broadbase market appeal and is poised for business growth going into the 2005 season."

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Phone now!!! Here's the info again from my previous e-mail...

The room prices next summer are \$79.00 - he is prepared to discount them by \$9.00 a night and offer them to us for \$70.00 for either single or double, \$10.00 extra for additional guests. They have a few queens but mostly double beds. No roll-aways (they found they damaged the rooms).

He has put our group rate under "META". Folks should give that name when they call to make their reservations. The contact information is below.

Even though the race isn't until July, folks should call to make their reservations now. They can always cancel if it doesn't happen or their plans change, but there are not a lot of hotel rooms in Edmonton, so the early bird gets the worm! The hotel is 4 miles away from the City Airport and is a straight shoot down the Yellowhead Highway. They have a 24 hour restaurant, gas station ... and I know this will be popular with some of the folks - a liquor store!

As my fiddler friend said - it ain't the Ritz, but it's clean, the folks are friendly, and it's inexpensive. The time I've told him we'd be looking at is checking in on Wednesday, July 13th, and checking out on Monday, July 18th. Some may not come until later or may leave earlier, but I wanted to give him a ballpark idea.

So, advise members to call 1-800-343-8533 (toll free), give their dates and the name META and make those reservations early!

Bonnie

Yellowhead Motor Inn 15004 Yellowhead Trail Edmonton, AB, T5S 1A1  
Phone: 1-780-447-2400; 1-800-343-8533

## Worker Profile: Roxann Vine

Family: *Husband Bill, Daughter Jeanna and son Scot. Mother in N.Y., brother in PA, brother in VA and a lot of race family members from Canada to Oregon.*

Birthplace: *Bath, N.Y.*

Occupation: *Administrative Assistant and IT (computer geek)*

Hobbies/Activities outside of racing: *Bowling, oil painting and cooking*

Customary/favorite job at track: *Pre-Grid*

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

When did you get involved? *Went to my first race at Watkins Glenn when I was 3 years old and have been hooked ever since*

What do you like most about it? *It's like a big family without the arguing.*

What do you like least about it? *Rain*

If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose? *I would love to work com for an F1 race in Canada*

What is your Favorite:

Track? *Elkhart Lake next to Pacific Raceways*

Turn? *5 at Pacific Raceways*

First year event? *1990*

Event? *Season Opener at Seattle*

Race group? *Group 5*

What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice? *I would tell them if they like motorsports they will have the best seat at the track, plus they will get to meet the drivers*

What is your favorite:

Food? *Chocolate*

Relaxation activity? *Eating Chocolate*

Book? *3<sup>rd</sup> Degree by James Patterson*

Movie? *Gone With The Wind*

Magazine? *Playgirl*

Are you a frustrated racer? *Yes*

What car would you race? *Sports 2000*

What was the:

Most embarrassing thing you ever did at the track?

*Went in the dunk tank for charity.*

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

*Two stewards standing side by side to cover a little boy that had to go potty right now!*

Most dangerous event you've seen or been involved in? *There are two, Alex Zinardi's crash and the attack on the Twin Towers in N.Y. City.*

Most awe-inspiring? *John F. Kennedy's funeral*

Biggest thrill so far? *Going to Disneyland about 10 years ago for the first time*

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

*In Life: Sky Dive*

*At the Track: Drive a Top Fuel Dragster*

Accomplishment: *Four years as IRDC President, two years as vice president, two years as secretary, and five years as newsletter editor, two years as membership chairperson, eight years as trophy person and two years as merchandise chairperson. I recently completed seven classes in Microsoft Access and Excel, which will help me to better my career and design a program for the License Registrar. I have managed to raise a great deal of money for charity and started a blood drive program at work.*

Final Comments: *I have two great kids, three wonderful grandchildren, a loving husband and a hell of a lot of terrific friends in this race family. I have been truly blessed to have the pleasure meeting so many wonderful people for the past 15 years. The support I've received from everyone this past year has been very emotional, and heart warming, together we will fight this horrible disease. I look forward to next season, I plan on spending more time working with my friends and having fun!!!!*

## Annual META Awards

*Please help out our awards committee this year by nominating someone for a META award. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the nomination form with everything you need to know.*

*Who went above and beyond this year? Who stands out from the rest? Who needs the recognition they so richly deserve? Let the awards committee know.*

*Your opinion does count.*

*Deadline for nominations is January 9th*

*Send your nominations to:*

Committee Chairman:

Joe Proud 8671 Galway Crescent, Surrey, BC V3W 6C8

jjproudca@yahoo.ca

Or

Mark Miller, Irene Chambers, Doris Gildemiester, or Mike Zosiak.

Also,

If you have any joke or blooper awards that can be handed out at the banquet please forward them to Joe Proud.

*Time to renew your membership in META*

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

Thank you for your support.

# ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. All nominations must be forwarded to the awards committee: Joe Proud – 8671 Galway Crescent, Surrey, BC V3W 6C8 or jjproudca@yahoo.ca or Mark Miller, Irene Chambers, Doris Gildemiester, Mike Zosiak.

**Deadline for submissions is January 9, 2005.**

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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## GORDON KIRBY'S INSIDE TRACK

Wednesday, December 22, 2004

All of a sudden Christmas is upon us. I hope you fans of the Champ Car World Series are enjoying the spirit of the season. You deserve the thanks of everyone in the sport for your great support and I'm sure everyone who earns their living in the business will join me in offering a toast to you, your families and friends.

Thanks to all of you and to Messrs Kalkhoven, Forsythe and Gentilozzi the sport we love has survived a tumultuous few years and appears to have a bright new future with the focus falling on the racers and the racing. We all hope and believe that's what the 2005 Champ Car season will be about. That's my biggest Christmas wish and here are a few more.

Good rides for Ryan Dalziel and Michael Valiante. Both these kids have shown a lot of ability in Toyota Atlantic and they've demonstrated in recent months that they can drive a Champ Car too. Dalziel created a big impression at PKV Racing when he tested for the team at Sebring last month and it looks like he may have beaten Bjorn Wirdheim to getting the job as Jimmy Vasser's teammate at PKV in '05.

Valiante of course, was very impressive in one of Derrick Walker's Reynards in Mexico City. Valiante is a very cool analytical driver. I remember the first time I saw him in action in Skip Barber's annual Big Scholarship run-off five years ago. Even then, when he was still a teen-ager, Valiante clearly had an uncanny feel for the car. He was quickly able to diagnosis any changes we made to the car's set-up and was also very fast and consistent. In that way there was a similarity between Valiante and A.J. Allmendinger who competed in Barber's now-defunct Big Scholarship a couple of years later and has gone on to do great things.

So please Santa, make sure you've got a pair of good seats in your bag for Dalziel and Valiante. And let's not forget to find a good ride for Wirdheim too. The 2003 FIA F3000 champion is an excellent driver and will be a great addition to the Champ Car field.

My next Christmas wish is for a much better TV production than the past year! Champ Car has done a great thing in getting half a dozen races on network TV next year and also getting back live on Eurosports after having all but fallen off the map across the pond in 2004. Obviously, we hope the rest of TV package will be equally strong, and that includes the quality of the show itself. And wouldn't it be great too, to see more coverage of qualifying as well as a weekly news show featuring my friend Robin Miller. All these things Santa, I'd love to see.

Another great Christmas gift would be the return of Cristiano da Matta to Newman/Haas and the birth of Newman/Haas's three-car superteam. From what I understand both the sponsorship and the will and commitment from within the team to make it happen are there. But if my sources are correct Santa, there's a Christmas grinch who's looking too fiercely at the bottom line and not embracing the power in the romantic notion of three-car superteam. If you could make Newman/Haas's grinch smile and think big Santa, you'd have as many Champ Car fans looking for your autograph as they do Newman's.

I'd also love to see a plan developed over the next year for the revitalization of the Toyota Atlantic series and the entire ladder series. This is a big job that I know Champ Car is committed to and I believe that part of that developing plan should be a recreation of Skip Barber's Big Scholarship program. I was proud to be a member of the judging panel for Skip's Big Scholarship because it provided a real leg up to young drivers with a \$150,000 prize paid towards the winner's next racing season as well as a bout of good publicity. And of course, Ryan Hunter-Reay, Allmendinger and Valiante are all previous Big Scholarship winners and they'll all tell you that competing for that prize was an important step in their rise to prominence.

Looking further down the road Santa, I'd like the plant the seeds for a couple of future Christmas gifts you might enjoy going to work on. The first of these is a return to Vancouver. For fifteen years Vancouver was a great venue for Champ Car racing. It's a beautiful, very civilized city with a tremendous fan following for our sport.



(Gordon Kirby cont'd)

Champ Car's executive vice-president Joe Chmelich has clearly stated the organization's desire to race again in Vancouver following the 2010 Winter Olympics. When you're flying over Vancouver on Christmas Eve Santa, why don't scout the place for the right location? Once again Santa, the fans of the Champ Car World Series would be equally big fans of yours if you could find a location that provided both a great racetrack and some fine vistas of the Vancouver skyline and mountains.

Finally Santa, I've got a big longterm challenge for both you and Champ Car. I'm one of those who firmly believes that top-class open-wheel motor racing must continue to operate near the limits of technology. It's always been an essential part of the sport and was in fact the driving influence in the sport's greatest days, whether that was the great board track era of the twenties, or the sixties and early seventies when the cars changed out of all recognition and lap speeds went through the roof, or CART's best days in the eighties and nineties.

Let's not forget that for most of the twentieth century motor racing always professed to "improve the breed", and from the rear-view mirror to the development of pneumatic and then wide-profile tires as well as rear-engine cars, monocoque and stressed steel chassis, supercharging, turbocharging, composite chassis and the lessons learned about crash safety and impact absorption, there's no question that racing has contributed a huge amount to the modern passenger car.

But today, racing has actually fallen behind the car industry in contributing anything at all to the search for new fuels and pollution-free powerplants. Toyota has blazed the way with the hybrid and many other manufacturers are following in their footsteps. Fuel cell cars also will soon arrive in the market. Meanwhile all forms of automobile racing worldwide cling to the antique internal combustion engine.

Wouldn't it be a tremendous thing for the sport to see Champ Car take the bull by the horns and create an experimental category for engines other than carbon-fuel burning powerplants? It would take a lot of thinking and planning and would be difficult to execute correctly, but to announce a daring reach into the future for, say 2009, would show the rest of the world that Champ Car is a sanctioning body unlike any other.

Can you put your elves to work on that idea Santa? And with that, another toast to you all, and to all a good night!

## **WORDS TO LIVE BY**

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, martini in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

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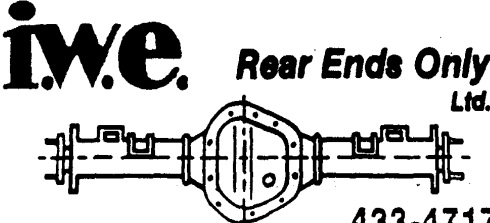
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