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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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Next META meeting will be
July 26, 2006

Note that meeting location has been changed to
Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

Speed reading

Jul 7-9	Portland Historic Races-PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Jul 8&9	ICSCC Race #4 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 8&9	Molson Indy Toronto	OWRS	Toronto, Ont
Jul 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jul 14-16	ICSCC Race #5&6 – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Jul 15&16	Coastal Club Race #6 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 20-22	ALMS – PIR	IMSA	Portland, Or
Jul 21-23	Edmonton Champ Car	OWRS	Edmonton, AB
Jul 22&23	Gold Digger TSD Rally	WCRA	Squamish, BC
Jul 22&23	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 22&23	Westwood Club Race #6 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 26	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jul 29	Ice Race BBQ – 5251 Steveston Hwy	3:00	Richmond, BC
Jul 29&30	Double Regional/Vintage(SOVREN)	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Jul 29&30	San Jose Grand Prix	OWRS	San Jose, Ca
Jul 29&30	BC Regional #2 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 5&6	ICSCC Race #7 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Aug 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Aug 12&13	Grand Prix of Denver	OWRS	Denver, Colo
Aug 12&13	Karting – Canadian Nationals	ASN	Edmonton, AB
Aug 19&20	Tsunami TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
Aug 19&20	Stock Car Race with Restricted Regional – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
Aug 19&20	ICSCC Race #8 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Aug 25&26	Single Regional and School	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 26&27	Molson Indy Montreal	OWRS	Montreal, PQ
Aug 26&27	Westwood Club Race #7 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC

It is our first conference race of the season, and I do believe we are expecting a good turnout. Please remember this is the weekend for the WAV Fund Raffle - which will be drawn on Sunday at lunch to ensure everyone who works this coming weekend has an opportunity to get their raffle ticket in the draw.

Lunches will be provided and our Saturday night dinner as well.

Morning meeting 8:00 AM both days.....

Please let us know if you are able to attend both days or either Saturday or Sunday.

See you this weekend.....weather reports predict great weather for us!!!!!!!

Thanks !!!!!!!!

Irene and Dave chambersw@shaw.ca or davenex@shaw.ca



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Worker and Volunteer ~ Fund

Draw Date: July 8/9, 2006

GRAND PRIZE:

ONE \$600.00 ALASKA AIRLINES VOUCHER

OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE:

TWO PORTABLE DVD PLAYERS

**THREE \$100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR THE
BEST WESTERN MISSION**

SIX OPPORTUNITIES FOR \$50.00 IN CASH

**LOOK FOR YOUR RAFFLE TICKET IN THE
"GOODY BAG" EVERY WEEKEND YOU PARTICIPATE**

**COMPLETE THE TICKET AND DROP IT OFF IN THE BALLOT BOX
PROVIDED AT EITHER**

THE SCCBC CLUBHOUSE OR THE META CLUBHOUSE

**SPECIAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THE
CONTRIBUTORS**

TO THE

**WORKER AND VOLUNTEER FUND "WAV"
WITHOUT YOU THESE GREAT PRIZE PACKAGES
WOULD NOT HAPPEN**

**FUNDS USED FOR THIS MID-SEASON DRAW HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY THE
PARTICIPANTS AT RIVERS EDGE RACEWAY DURING THE 2005 SEASON**

WATCH THIS LOCATION FOR FUTURE INFORMATION ON OUR SEASON FINALE DRAW



Benefits of Membership

Having been awarded the Non-member worker award by M.E.T.A in 2005 I was privileged to receive a free membership for 2006. It is my belief that being a Member of anything comes with rewards and obligations. Taking my obligation seriously, I made an effort to attend the monthly meeting in June and was justly rewarded. While the surroundings were comfortable and air conditioned, my reward came from the people inside; the welcome and the opportunity to socialize with friends and acquaintances, and to learn more about META's current activities.

I am no stranger to META. In my trophy case, close to the collection of Indy pins and name badges, lays my first META membership card, from 1973. Keeping it displayed there keeps fresh the memories of my first days at Westwood, where I found the first of many friends I was to make in the Motorsport family, Bruce Yeo and Roger Salomon. They made me feel welcome then, they still do, each and every time I see them. The benefit of belonging to META then was huge. I was new in the province and new to the sport. The training and the friendships set my life on a whole new direction.

I have been a member of META off and on over the years, for various reasons; one being the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the growth and stability a sport that bit me when I was very young. Over the years I have made my contribution to the sport as a turn worker, communicator, soloist, rallyist, racer, Novice Director, Licence Director, Race Director, SCCBC executive member and Molson Indy Vancouver Manager, currently helping out here and there. At various times I have enjoyed the benefits of membership in META, BCMA, & SCCBC and have attended a lot of meetings, and heard a lot of interesting points of view. But I think the topic at the June META meeting was amongst the most intriguing.

A comment from a non-renewing member was quoted. He or she had wondered what value a META membership was to them. After all, there is no mandate to be a member in order to volunteer at any of the Pacific Coast Road Racing tracks, the Mayday is available for everyone on-line, and visitors are welcome at meetings. So where is the reward for paying your annual dues? No discount coupons for hotels or restaurants, no free air time on your cell phone or internet, or free air-mile points; and no one will come and mow your lawn or clean your carpet. So, what's the point?? Why do the 50 plus members choose to belong? What's in it for them?

Because I found the whole thing a bit incredulous I was at a loss for words at the time, but I thought about it on the way home from the meeting and into the following day. What is the Benefit of Membership?

I came to the conclusion that it is different things for different people. For those who want to make a difference, membership gives them the power to vote, and to run for office. For others, the friendships and belonging bring them great pleasure. Many people thrive on making a contribution, and being party to success. Others enjoy the recognition and wear their membership colours with pride. Each person has to decide for him or herself the Benefit of Membership. If you honestly can't think of any, then you are probably making the right choice by not joining. META, and other service orientated clubs and organizations depend on "working" members to make them successful. "Paper" members cost the organization, not enhance it.

Belonging to an organization of your choice is one of the great Freedoms we enjoy in Canada. It is a **privilege** that should bring joy, and satisfaction, and pride.

Ask not what your club can do for you.....there is so much you can do for it.

Pam Stec

Course Marshals Report

So far this year we have had a "Driver Training", 3 CACC, and VRCBC's Historic Race here at Rivers Edge in Mission. The number of cars have been down but the racing has been great!!! Although the number of workers is down both in turns and e-crew, we have all had a great time so far this year.

But the year isn't over yet!! We still have a lot of races to go, our first ICSCC race of the year is on July 8 & 9 and it's also our next race...along with the WAV fund draw!

Thanks to everyone who replies to our pre-race e-mails, keep them coming... they make it much easier for planning the lunches, dinners, goody bags, and the turns for the weekend.

I hope to see everyone out at the track!

Cheers,

Dave Nex



ICE RACE BBQ AND GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, JULY 29TH
3PM ON
5251 STEVESTON HWY
RICHMOND
604-271-6598
PLEASE RSVP

As per usual, please bring a bathing suit & towel, lawn chairs, cooler full of your preferred drinks and whatever you would like as your main entrée as well as something to share.....salad, desert, buns, appetizers, chips, dip.....don't forget serving bowls and instruments (label them with your name!!!) Please remember when bringing something to share that there could be 30 - 50 people at the BBQ. (The club has paper plates & plastic knives & forks)

PLEASE RSVP TO MURRAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 604-271-6598

You all know of the struggles my brother's wife, Brenda, has gone through these past three years with her breast cancer battle. Sadly, she lost that battle on Canada Day, July 1, 2006. The end came much, much sooner than any of us were prepared for, especially my brother Paddy and nephew Sean.

Somehow the disease went into warp speed, and by Sunday, June 25th, she was having so much trouble breathing she had to be admitted to hospital. She felt fine, but she needed oxygen to help with her breathing. She was completely focused on getting well enough to be able to attend Sean's grad dance on Friday, June 30th. Her breathing continued to worsen, however, and it became apparent that she wasn't going to be able to make the dance. Instead, focus shifted to bringing her home, and plans were being made for that transition. Sean and his good friend Melissa stopped by the hospital on their way to the dinner dance and Brenda was thrilled to see them. Paddy, mom and I were with her earlier in the day and again that evening after Sean and Melissa had been by. Brenda wanted me to make sure folks knew that she wasn't in any pain, she just couldn't get enough oxygen. We had a nice visit, I had brought her some new PJ's, and she asked if I could do her a big favour and make her some organic beef barley soup. We laughed going over the ingredients - this one called for turnip, which Paddy and I hate!!! - and also the fact that it was going to be ME making the soup ... I don't cook! As we kissed our goodbyes, she said to us "DON'T WORRY!" - I turned to her as I headed out and said - and don't YOU worry either.

The next morning, Saturday, July 1st, Paddy got a call from the hospital saying he'd better make his way there quickly, but by the time he and Sean arrived, she'd already gone. Mom and I joined them at the hospital and we all said our final goodbye. It has been a very difficult couple of days, and still seems surreal. Family is preparing to fly out and we are making plans for a memorial service on Friday. As many of you were part of my "Weekend to End Breast Cancer" walk the summer before last, and you are all dear friends, I felt I should share this sad news with you. My brother has been keeping us all updated on Brenda's progress. Thank you for your friendship and your caring thoughts and prayers. As my brother says, give those near and dear to you a hug ... and this is my hug sent your way.

Love, Bonnie Healy

Editors Note: I found this on the endcancer.ca website, http://va06.endcancer.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=va06_homepage

What is The Weekend to End Breast Cancer?

The Weekend to End Breast Cancer™ benefiting the BC Cancer Foundation is simply this - an awesome life changing adventure. During one amazing weekend, August 18-20th, 2006, thousands of women and men will unite in Vancouver to walk 60 kilometres in a bold display of courage and commitment. It's a weekend of hope, as we honour lives lost, celebrate survivors, and help bring breast cancer care to those who so desperately need it. This extraordinary weekend is about finding the hero in yourself and discovering strength you never knew you had. The money you help raise will benefit the BC Cancer Foundation, a leader in the fight against breast cancer. One in every nine Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Maybe someone in your life has been affected. It could be your mother, sister, wife, daughter, son, or a friend. The Weekend to End Breast Cancer is your chance to go the distance in the fight against this disease; it's your chance to be a hero for someone you love or someone you may never even meet.

The Weekend to End Breast Cancer is a journey you will never forget.

The Weekend to End Breast Cancer benefits breast cancer research and care through the BC Cancer Foundation, an international leader in the fight against cancer and an independent charitable organization, which supports research and care at the BC Cancer Agency. The BC Cancer Agency supports breakthrough research and compassionate care, including its innovative new breast cancer research program using gene technology to develop personalized treatments built on the Agency's unique strength in genome science and its province-wide cancer control system. The BC Cancer Agency is also dedicated to earlier diagnosis for breast cancer patients — a critical factor in improving survival. With cancer survival rates better than any other province in Canada, the BC Cancer Agency has become a model for cancer care and control around the world.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$1.00
 META Decals Static for inside or
 Stick-On for outside \$.50 each
 META Pins \$1.50 each
 Earplugs \$1.00
 Training Manuals \$1.00 (Free to new workers)

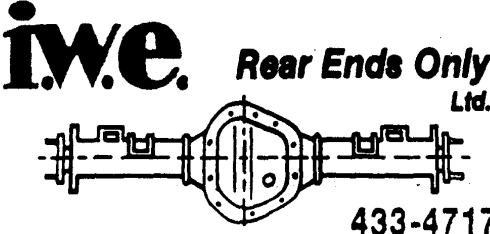
Club Shirts

*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with
 META logo embroidered on front.
 \$10.00 each*

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