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**Next META meeting will be**  
**May 24, 2006**

Note that meeting location has been changed to  
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## Speed reading

May 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 12-14	National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 12&13	Grand Prix of Houston	OWRS	Houston, Tx
May 13&14	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
May 13&14	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
<b>May 13&amp;14</b>	<b>CACC Race # 2 – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
<b>May 20&amp;21</b>	<b>ICSCC Race #2 – PR</b>	<b>IRDC</b>	<b>Seattle, Wa</b>
<b>May 20&amp;21</b>	<b>Knox Mountain Hillclimb</b>	<b>KMMS</b>	<b>Kelowna, BC</b>
May 20&21	Monterrey Grand Prix	OWRS	Monterrey, Mexico
May 20&21	BC Regionals #1 – CRP	BCKCA	Quesnel, BC
May 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
<b>May 27&amp;28</b>	<b>Historic Motor Races – MRP</b>	<b>VRCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
May 27&28	Westwood Club Race #4 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
May 28	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Indiana
Jun 2-4	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
<b>Jun 3&amp;4</b>	<b>ICSCC Race #3 – PIR</b>	<b>CSCC</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b>
Jun 3&4	Milwaukee Mile	OWRS	West Allis, Wis
Jun 9-11	Rose Cup / National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
<b>Jun 10&amp;11</b>	<b>CACC Race # 3 – MRP</b>	<b>SCCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
Jun 10&11	Coastal Club Race #5 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 17&18	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 17&18	Portland Grand Prix	OWRS	Portland, Or
<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Mission Soap Box Derby</b>		<b>Mission, BC</b>
Jun 24&25	Cleveland Grand Prix	OWRS	Cleveland, Ohio
Jun 24&25	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 24&25	Westwood Club Race #5 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jun 30-Jul 2	Pacific NW Historics – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa

**CACC May 13/14 and Vintage May27/28** at Mission.

Contact Dave Nex if you can attend: [davenex@shaw.ca](mailto:davenex@shaw.ca)

**Knox Mtn Hillclimb May 20/21** in Kelowna.

Contact Vic Kennedy: [vhkennedy@shaw.ca](mailto:vhkennedy@shaw.ca)

**ICSCC May 20/21** in Seattle, Travelodge in Auburn is offering a corporate rate of \$55usd/night.

Contact the hotel directly at 253-833-7171 and mention I RDC

*It is with heavy heart I am announcing the passing of Bernice Stanley on April 12, 2006. Services were held in Portland on April 17, and attended by many in the Northwest racing community.*

*Our sincere condolences go out to Tim and the rest of the Stanley Family.*

*Memorial gifts in Bernice's name may be given to Hospice of Washington County,*

*www.hospicewc.org*

*Cards may be sent to Tim Stanley's home address:*

*3640 NE Brogden Street*

*Hillsboro, OR 97124-6721*

## **Edmonton Grand Prix Champ Car Race July 21/22/23**

Hello There,

The time has come to start the registration process for the 2006 Grand Prix of Edmonton. The form is online at **www.nascc.ab.ca**

Please go there and fill it out as soon as possible. **Registration deadline is May 30 2006.**

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

This year will be bigger and better than the last.

Rudy van Woerkom  
Chief Course Marshal

### **Updated information regarding the "Unofficial" worker hotel in Edmonton**

The Yellowhead Inn was pleased to accommodate META last year and we are looking forward to a larger group this time around.

The Early Booking rates are:

\$75.00 Sgle Or Dbl and \$10.00 extra for additional guests, ***valid till May 31.***

June 1st onwards the rate increases to \$85.00.

A valid credit card and a 3 day stay is required.

Take care

Ted Gardiner

Hotel Manager

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Be sure to mention META to get the special rate.

## Worker Profile: Jo Adair

Birthplace: *Vancouver*

Occupation: *Bookkeeper*

Hobbies/Activities outside of racing:  
*Reading, swimming*

Customary/favorite job at track: *F&C*

How and why did you get involved in race working and/or META.  
*Don Johnson looked good in his whites at a car show*

When did you get involved? *1980*

What do you like most about it? *Socializing*

What do you like least about it? *Rain*

If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose? *Bathurst AUS*

Do you have any racing or race working "heroes"?  
Who are they? *Rick Neyedli. 'nuff said*

What is your Favorite:  
Track? *Westwood/Road America*  
Turn? *Hairpin at Westwood*  
First year event? *Must have been my first race ever, got frostbit and came back*  
Event? *Trans Am Portland*  
Race group? *All of them*

What race stands out the most in your memory, and why? *The one where Bruce Hadley's Porsche took aim at Angus, Cathy Milne and me. I learned*  
a) *I don't dive well, and*  
b) *NEVER be complacent.*

What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice? *Play safe, have fun. If you're not having fun, why not?*

What is your favorite:  
Food? *Mexican/Italian*  
Relaxation activity? *Reading, walking*  
Book? *Mystery novels*  
Movie? *What's that?*  
Magazine? *Garden Wise*  
Car? *72 240Z*

Are you a frustrated racer? What car would you race? *Been there, done that. Not very well, though. Murray's*

What was the:  
Most embarrassing thing you ever did at the track?  
*Like I would tell you!!!*  
Funniest thing you've seen or done at the track?  
*I'm not sure, but it probably involved Roger*  
Most dangerous event you've seen or been involved in?  
*Bruce Hadley's wall smack (old) Turn 2 Mission*  
Biggest thrill so far?  
*Doing laps with Murray at Barnes perched on the propane bottle (If questioned. I will deny that it ever happened)*

What thing would you most like to have an opportunity to do?  
In Life: *Live in Mexico part time*  
At the Track: *I think I have done everything I want to do*

Final Comments: *happy now, Andrew?*  
(Editors note: Yes!!)



## **To Al and Ann Ores**

Paul Whitworth, ICSCC Past President

You will all be more than pleased, I'm sure, to learn that Al Ores and his most gracious wife, Ann, are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary. To achieve that mile-stone in this day and age is no mean feat, and says a lot about the two individuals who have made their lives one.

I have been racing with Al since I started to race. Some may ask when did I start to do that, but that's another story. So let's keep it simple and just say that Al started racing with ICSCC in 1968 and I started driving around the track during the races in 1970. He's run Formula Vees in Red & White with black number 19's for his entire career in racing. Once I get the hang of it, I'm hoping that I can finally beat Al to the finish line. I may have, at one time or another, passed him, or in some way, shape, or form been briefly in front of him, but that was only until he managed to get the car out of third gear in which it was stuck, or turned the ignition back on after it had been accidentally knocked off.

In an odd co-incidence, I nearly knew Al long before he raced and before I was old enough to. One of his first jobs when he landed in Canada was working for the Canadian Pacific Railway. His actual job was on the track maintenance crew for the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway here on Vancouver Island. The "Gandy Dancers" as the track crew was called were housed in some accommodation cars that were parked on a siding on the outskirts of Victoria. I used to see these cars as I rode past in my parent's car and wonder what they were for. Now I know.

My next co-incidental link was in the Fall of 1975 when, tired of flailing around in my old Formcar, I ordered a brand new Caldwell D-13 in kit form from the manufacturer in Marblehead, Massachusetts. During a telephone conversation with the proprietor to arrange delivery he, out of curiosity, asked me if I knew an Al Ores in Vancouver. Saying that I did indeed he then informed me, to my dismay, that Al had also ordered a D-13 kit and they were being manufactured side by side.

Life can be stranger than we can believe.

Many of you may not know Al as well as you should because his own family responsibilities have kept him close to home for the past few years. He has not been able to run the car as far afield as he would have liked to. Well, his absence is your loss. If you ever wanted to show any one person as the epitome of what a Conference racer should be, you have only to look at Al. A gentleman on and off the track. Always willing with help, advice, and even parts. Always there with a friendly hello. In 1993 when I suffered a minor contretemps and put my car upside down on myself in Big Indy at Pacific Raceway Al said that he was heartsick when on the second lap past without seeing me standing outside the car and was agonizing on how he and Ann could console my wife. (I couldn't get out; the car was buried in the tires. I was just hanging around in it chewing myself out for a stupid mistake.) His look of relief when the obligatory ride back to my pit in the ambulance ended with my springing out, helmet in hand, was worth more than ten thousand words.

That's Al for you, representing all that's good about our sport and how we try to foster it in Conference. And Ann, his companion of over 50 years now, there to give him support assistance and if she's anything like my wife Katherine, ready to give him a bit of a dressing down if he starts to take it all too seriously. It's been a privilege to know and compete with him over the years. Congratulations Al and Ann, and here's to the next fifty!

From "The Province" newspaper April 13, 2006

## **McIntosh makes his mark in A-1**

Open Wheel: Season series highlighted by win for Team Canada in Indonesia

By Gordon McIntyre  
Sports Reporter

Sean McIntosh didn't get to finish what he started, but he did finish with a flair when his A-1 Grand Prix season ended prematurely.

The 20-year-old from Coquitlam won the Indonesian stop on the 11 race A-1 circuit a month ago, his final event in the start-up open-wheel series that runs on four continents under national flags.

"It was a way to go out with a bang before Patrick got into the car, and for me to put a bit more pressure on him," McIntosh said from his home in England.

Patrick is veteran Patrick Carpentier of Montreal, who took over the Team Canada ride for the final three A-1 races, adding the season-ending Chinese race two weeks ago to the two he was originally scheduled to drive, Laguna Seca, Calif., and Monterrey, Mexico.

Testing at Le Mans for McIntosh's new summer series conflicted with the season finale in Shanghai.

"You always want to be racing and the first couple of times Patrick took to the track in Mexico I was watching and it was definitely strange to see someone else driving the car," said McIntosh, who only jumped into the A-1 Team Canada car a week before the season began last year. "It definitely was hard to sit on the sidelines.

"I know why Patrick was brought in and it's been good for the team in terms of raising awareness of the series back in Canada. But it's also good for me, as the Canadian public will get to see my association with the team and my results compared to his."

Carpentier's best result was fifth, at Laguna Seca.

So not only was McIntosh's win at Indonesia's Sentul Circuit something to cherish, but he came from last on the grid — and was then assessed a drive-through penalty — before claiming the checkered flag in the 36-lap feature race.

"After the drive-through penalty I just put my head down and began passing as many people as I could," he said.

The A-1 GP bills itself as the World Cup of Motorsport. Nations get the points and the winner's national anthem is played after the race.

"You don't really appreciate how special it is to sing your national anthem on the podium until you actually experience it," McIntosh said. "It was definitely one of the best parts of winning the race."

Now he's focusing on the summer World Series by Renault 3.5, racing for KTR, a team based in Belgium. Of the seven circuits on the '06 World Series by Renault schedule, five are on Formula One tracks and one, Monaco, is an undercard for the F-1 race.

The cars are a few seconds faster than A-1 cars and, with their strong downforce, pull more G's through corners.

It is, McIntosh hopes, a step toward GP-2 (an F-1 support series) and eventually to F-1 — Eric Bernard, Erik Comas and Olivier Panis all raced for KTR before moving to F-1.

And Robert Kubica, the 21-year-old Pole who won the '05 World Series by Renault, used that title to leverage a ride as test driver for BMW Sauber (Jacques Villeneuve's F-1 team).

"Considering where I was last August, when I was at the point of, 'What am I going to do, where am I going to get the money for next year?' and along came A-1 GP, and through that this opportunity," McIntosh said. "Now I just have to keep working hard and make the most of the chance.

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From <http://www.scambusters.org>

## Selling a car online? Here is some valuable information.

### Internet ScamBusters Snippets

#### The Single Biggest Question We Are Being Asked Right Now

Whether we're on the radio doing an interview or in our office, there is one question that is coming up more than any other.

It is: "I'm selling (or buying) a car online, and I just got an international offer, but I'm not sure if it's legitimate."

The answer is simple: no, it's not legitimate.

We know of NO legitimate international car offers -- regardless of whether you're buying or selling a car. But there are hundreds of people who have been scammed.

There are lots of variants, many of which include counterfeit bank checks and money orders.

This scam is not limited to cars. It is used with other vehicles, such as trucks and motorcycles.

Action: Don't sell or buy a car internationally online.

The runner-up for the most common question is also about buying and selling cars. Usually, these scammers are located somewhere in the US.

They want to use a specific escrow company (and they have a long sob story about why this escrow company is the one to use). This too is a scam.

Action: Be very careful, and use the escrow company of your choice, not theirs.

Don't get taken.

#### Another eBay Scam Making the Rounds

We got this one last Friday. It looks somewhat legitimate, other than the spelling error in the Subject and the awkward grammar.

*From: SecurityUpdate@ebay.com*

*Subject: eBay Billing Information Uptaded*

*Date: Fri, 7 Nov 2003 22:05:43 +0900*

*My eBay*

*Dear eBay Member,*

*We at eBay are sorry to inform you that we are having problems with the billing information of your account. We would appreciate it if you would visit our website eBay Billing Center and fill out the proper information that we are needing to keep you as an eBay member.*

*If you think you have received this email as an error, please visit our website and fill out the necessary information. That way we can make sure that everything is up to date! Again here is the link to our website. eBay Billing Center*

*Thank you Accounts Management*

*As outlined in our User Agreement, eBay will periodically send you information about site changes and enhancements. Visit our Privacy Policy and User Agreement if you have any questions. ...*

(Scams Cont'd)

If you receive an email like this, do NOT click on the link and visit the site, or you'll be going to a scammer's site. eBay does not send emails like this.

If you do not know whether an email you receive is legitimate, go directly to the eBay site and contact customer service from there. Never follow the instructions of an email like this.

And don't panic.

### Three Excellent Online Resources

1. Excellent consumer protection information on disputing credit card charges:

==> <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/fcb.htm>

2. The American Bar Association's guide to safe shopping:

==> <http://www.safeshopping.org>

3. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Guide to eCommerce and the Internet:

==> <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-internet.htm>

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**Editors Note:** I have my race car for sale online and have received many scam inquiries. They are usually pretty easy to spot as the person is not asking the 'right questions' regarding a race car. The spelling and grammar are always really bad as well. Below are some notices posted on the Conference Forum regarding the same subject:

From [www.icscc.com/discus/](http://www.icscc.com/discus/)

Drivers Meeting: General Discussion: Beware of a scam!!!!

Guy Marden Tuesday, January 31, 2006 - 05:58 pm

Just after I posted an ad to sell my race car I received an e-mail from a "henry sand" expressing interest. He offered me \$200 less than I had it advertized for and I was delighted that I had gotten an offer so soon. The next e-mail he sent me was that he was going to send a check for \$12,000 and that I was to deduct the \$2300 for the car and send the remainder back which would be split between his agent and a shipper. Luckily for me I was talking about this with a friend of mine who is a former Baker City Police Officer and he alerted me to this scam. I don't know if anybody else has had this happen to them but beware!

Tim Rosche Tuesday, January 31, 2006 - 07:46 pm

Last year I had the same thing happen. Like you said, at first you are 'excited' about the interest, but then the deal gets kind of weird. They wanted me to ship my CRX racecar to jolly old England. Not likely. Especially with a cashiers check from out of the country and a car shipped away before it has even cleared. They kept relentlessly emailing me after I had told them to take a hike. I finally had to get real nasty and tell them what I thought of them

**SELLERS BEWARE!**

Cheryl Gilbert Tuesday, January 31, 2006 - 10:05 pm

I had that happen several times in the year and a half that my old Vee was for sale. As it turned out of the 30 plus people who tried to scam me out of my car, I only had a few legitimate inquiries. After awhile you will be able to tell the difference right away. The scammers usually don't ask the right questions such as condition of motor, brakes, sets of wheels, etc... My personal favorite is when they offer to buy the car before even seeing a picture of it. So yeah, be careful and good luck.

## 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)

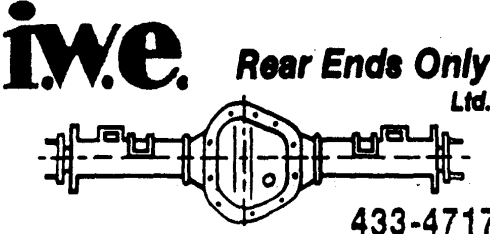
## Club Shirts

*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with  
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 ann\_peters@telus.net

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