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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.

Printed in Canada.

Next META meeting will be
January 23, 2008

Note that our new meeting location is
Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

Speed reading

Dec 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 12&13	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 26	META Banquet – Guildford Golf and Country Club		Surrey, BC
Jan 26&27	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 2&3	Ice Race # 2 -- (Alternate Date)	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 9&10	Ice Race # 3 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 23&24	Ice Race # 4 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 27	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 1&2	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 604-945-4592

Congratulations

to the

2008 META Executive

President: Mike Bailey

Vice President: Angus Glass

Treasurer: Doris Gildemeister

Secretary: Vacant



Please note: There will be no META meeting in December.

Have a Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year

VP Ramblings:

The snowfall on the weekend reminded me that it's time to start thinking about cars racing on ice. I've posted the schedule on META's website, but you should always check the Cars On Ice site (<http://carsonice.ca>) for any last minute updates before heading up for a weekend, the link is also on our site under the Ice Racing schedule.

The AGM was fairly uneventful, however we are still looking for a person to fill Mark's shoes as secretary. I'd like to thank Angus Glass for stepping up to the plate, albeit with a bit of encouragement, to become VP for 2008. Oh Angus.... are you going to take over this column?

By now most of you know Rivers Edge will have a new configuration for next year, the kink is gone. Since SCCBC got rid of the kink they decided they would approach the BC Custom Car club (the landlords) for permission to get rid of turns 8 & 9 making turn 7 a big sweeper onto the front straight which should increase speeds on the front straight, something they would not do if the kink was still there. BCCC approved the changes on November 19th making the changes a go. By the time we have the Driver Training in March the reconfiguration will be complete.

This is how Roland Stec described it on the SCCBC forum:

Pit out will be just before the starters stand. We could have a coned off lane like we had before going down the right side of the straight away for a few feet. However the natural line down the straight will now be on drivers left. With the width of the front straight there should be no problem feeding cars back out onto the track from the pits.

Mike

A picture of the changes is posted on the META website at <http://meta.bc.ca/new.htm> or in the SCCBC Pitpass at <http://www.sccbc.net/pitpass/2007/Dec07pp.pdf>

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. Membership year ends December 31st

Look elsewhere in this issue for the renewal form and get your \$20 bucks into Thomas.

Thank you for your support.

WHAT A PARTY!

The house was full this year for our banquet. Yes, all the rowdies were sitting together on one side of the room. (There was a survey taken, and Mike Blaszczyk was selected as the Head Rowdie.)

Many thanks to all who helped put the whole evening together for us. It is a really really big job on several levels.

I would like to thank Karen Stimson and Jon Bonforte for presenting the ROD Awards this year, and George Burgesser, for presenting the Worker of the Year. We truly enjoy having the drivers take part in the recognition of the volunteers.

I would be remiss though, in not extending all of our thanks to the Member Clubs and Drivers, for their appreciation and support shown to us throughout this past season.

Over 50% of the ROD Membership earned awards this year, and we could not have had such a successful year without the dedication of all.

Congratulations to each and everyone!
Get rested and ready to go for 2008!

Lynn Rimmer
ROD Director

2007 ROD AWARD RECIPIENTS

RED

**Bonnie Healy
Adam Jacobsen
Mark Miller
Tasma Wooton**

BLUE

**John Bradshaw
Jerry Coughran
Cathy Frasier
Gary Frasier
Ralph Hunter**

SILVER

**Scott Ahrens
David Bell
Richard Breen
Rob Jacobsen
Ken Killam
Ali Montgomery
Holly Remington**

GOLD

**Thomas Liesner
Jim O'Keefe
Lynn Rimmer**

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Sabryna Ahrens

WORKER OF THE YEAR: Scott Ahrens

Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of British Columbia

2008 Race Weekend Schedule

#1 January 12/13, 2008

#2 January 26/27, 2008

#3 February 9/10, 2008

#4 February 23/24, 2008

(if any weekends get cancelled, see below)

But please be prepared to run each and every weekend.

No one can control the weather or ice conditions

February 2/3, 2008 (alternate)

March 1/2, 2008 (alternate)

Watch for updates at www.carsonice.ca



GRAND-AM: Valiante to Drive Full-Time for Wayne Taylor

Written by: News Wire Atlanta, Ga. – 12/3/2007

Canadian Michael Valiante, the 28-year-old veteran of open-wheel and sports prototype racing, has been named Max Angelelli's full-time co-driver in the No.10 SunTrust Pontiac team of Wayne Taylor Racing for the entire 14-race Rolex Series campaign, which kicks off Jan. 26-27 with the traditional, season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona.

Valiante, a native of Vancouver, B.C., joins the SunTrust Racing effort with 31 career Rolex Series starts under his belt during the past three seasons. In 2007, as co-driver of the No. 19 Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates entry, Valiante recorded a career-best second-place finish at Iowa Speedway and six top-10 finishes in all over 13 events. Prior to arriving on the Rolex Series scene in 2005, he rose through the open-wheel ranks as a perennial championship contender and multiple race-winner in Champ Car's Formula Atlantic and Barber Dodge development series. Valiante made his Champ Car debut in 2004 at Mexico City driving for Walker Racing.

"During our first year as a new team, it became evident we needed to secure the services of a single individual who could complement Max's performance and driving style all season long, and I'm tremendously pleased that we've found the right guy for 2008," said team owner Wayne Taylor, the three-time sports car champion who co-drove with Angelelli to the 2005 Rolex Series title before forming Wayne Taylor Racing in November 2006. "I've had my eye on Michael Valiante the last couple of years. There were four or five drivers we were looking at, but all of our research kept pointing at him as the best fit for our program. What appeals to us most is Michael's speed and his technical ability. We're about trying to win championships, so speed is always crucial. We worked with Michael at the Daytona test (Nov. 14-15) and he and Max were very close. They both seem to be very happy to be teammates."

Angelelli, who scored his 10th and 11th career Rolex Series victories in 2007 to put him second on the all-time series win list, was in position to capture SunTrust's second series title in three seasons until the closing hours of the season-ending race outside Salt Lake City. And even with the two victories and a series-high nine podium finishes despite sharing the cockpit with no less than five different co-drivers through the course of the season, he understandably likes the notion of having a single co-driver.

"I definitely am happy we have signed Michael because I'm convinced he can deliver what we are asking," said Angelelli, who in 2007 co-drove at one time or another with Taylor, Jan Magnussen, Jeff Gordon, Memo Gidley and Jonathan Cochet. "I have no doubt about Michael's speed and his ability to provide good feedback, so I think we have the lineup that will put us in position to be a strong challenger for the championship, once again. We had the chance to bring Michael on board with us and we jumped at that that chance. We have always regarded him as a championship-caliber driver."

Valiante, likewise, is eager to begin this new chapter in his racing career for many reasons.

"First of all, it's an honor to drive for a team like SunTrust Racing," he said. "They are consistent front-runners and they know how to win championships. I really enjoyed working with them at the test a few weeks ago at Daytona. They are professional in every way and I got along with everyone – the staff, and Max, as well. They welcomed me to the team. It was an easy transition to fit right in. Definitely, there's no other team I'd rather be with at the moment in Grand-Am. Coming from Ganassi, it was a great opportunity and I really enjoyed being with them. But when this opportunity presented itself, it was a great one. It's where I want to be this year and beyond. To be with one of the best teams in a series like Grand-Am with so many professional, quality drivers, I think it's one of the best places to be in North America right now."

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

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

Please submit to Joe Proud at jjproudca@yahoo.ca

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:

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:

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:

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:

Nomination submitted by _____ on ____/____/____.
D M Y

Tools And Their *REAL* Uses

DRI LL PRESS : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.

WI RE WHEEL : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Yeou"

ELECTRI C HAND DRI LL : Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKIL SAW : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLI ERS : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs

HACKSAW : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. I t transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VI SE-GRI PS : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. I f nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

WELDI NG GLOVES : Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH : Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease in side the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

TABLE SAW : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULI C FLOOR JACK : Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

EI GHT-FOOT LONG YELLOW PI NE 2X4 : Used for levering an automobile upward off of a trapped hydraulic jack handle.

TWEEZERS : A tool for removing wood splinters and wire wheel wires.

Continued next month

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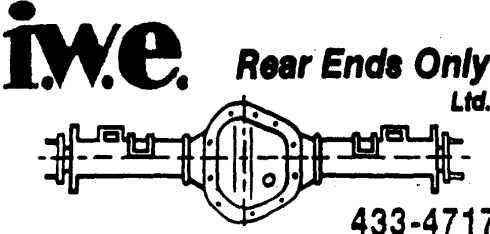
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