



# MAYDAY

The Official Newsletter of the Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association

M.E.T.A. c/o: 10952 McAdam Road, Delta, BC, V4C 3E8

Newsletter E-Mail: [maydayeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:maydayeditor@hotmail.com)

META Website: [www.meta.bc.ca](http://www.meta.bc.ca)

**January 2007**  
**Volume 32 Issue 1**

## CLUB EXECUTIVE

### **PRESIDENT:**

Ann Peters  
604-581-7189  
[ann\\_peters@telus.net](mailto:ann_peters@telus.net)

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Mike Bailey  
604-716-2660  
[mike\\_bailey@shaw.ca](mailto:mike_bailey@shaw.ca)

### **SECRETARY:**

Mark Miller  
604-241-2302  
[mark\\_miller@telus.net](mailto:mark_miller@telus.net)

### **TREASURER:**

Doris Gildemeister  
604-588-9218

### **PAST PRESIDENT:**

Lynn Rimmer  
604-501-1503  
[lynnrimmer@shaw.ca](mailto:lynnrimmer@shaw.ca)

## NEWSLETTER STAFF

### **EDITOR:**

Andrew Clouston  
604-942-4974  
[maydayeditor@hotmail.com](mailto:maydayeditor@hotmail.com)  
fax:604-882-9783  
(attention Andrew)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Thomas Liesner  
604-501-1503  
[tliesner@shaw.ca](mailto:tliesner@shaw.ca)

All opinions expressed in the Mayday are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Mayday staff, Club Executive, or the members of META.

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 24, 2007**

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

## Speed reading

Jan 13&14	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 20&21	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 27	META Banquet – Guildford Golf and Country Club	5:45	Surey, BC
Jan 27	IRDC Banquet – Harold E LeMay Museum	4:30	Tacoma, WA
Feb 3&4	Ice Race # 3 and Enduro -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 17&18	Ice Race # 4 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 24&25	Ice Race # 4 – (Alternate Date)	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 3&4	Ice Race – (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

## 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.

# Motorsport Emergency and Turnworkers Association

## 2006 Season Awards Banquet

### LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS

The racing season is over and now is the time  
to just kick back.

This year the banquet will be of a slightly different venue.

For something totally different,  
this year **we** are going to be the entertainment.

Imagine an evening where you can just socialize with friends  
and the only noise you have to compete with is the laughter  
coming from the next table.

(There will also be some brain teasers thrown in for extra good measure so be warned.)

Dress up or come casual – JUST COME OUT!!!!

**Date:** January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
**Place:** Guilford Golf and Country Club  
7929 – 152<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Surrey, BC (west side of 152<sup>nd</sup>)  
**Time:** Cash Bar 5:45pm  
(sorry last call is midnight)  
Buffet 6:30pm  
**Tickets:** \$40.00 per person

Contact Lynn at 604-501-1503 – [lynnrimmer@shaw.ca](mailto:lynnrimmer@shaw.ca)  
or Doris 604-588-9218 for tickets.

*Deadline for tickets is January 24*

### *From Race "Control"*

At our last race at Mission last fall a light green RX7 spun and hit, smacked, tapped, clobbered etc. the wall driver's left coming out of Turn 9 onto the front straight.

Vic and I got to talking and thought it would be fun to stage a contest to see who could come up with the best expression describing contact between a race car and whatever else [wall, another car, etc.] so that we could have something else to do this winter!

Suggestions can be made to me at 604-543-6690, [jjproudca@yahoo.ca](mailto:jjproudca@yahoo.ca) or to Vic at 604-446-9064, [vhkennedy@shaw.ca](mailto:vhkennedy@shaw.ca).

*There will be some small prizes connected to the incident at Turn 9 too!*

Thanks

*Joe and Vic*

## WCI RABC 2007 Ice Race Schedule

January 6&7

January 13&14 (Alternate)

January 20/21

February 3&4 Enduro

February 17&18

February 24&25 (Alternate)

March 3&4 (Alternate)

# 2006 IRDC AWARDS BANQUET

@ Harold E. LeMay Museum in Tacoma

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2007

Catered by Jon Holt's St Helens Café of Tacoma

*Mark your calendar for this fun filled evening*

*@ "Americas Car Museum" at*

*"Historic Marymount Academy"*

*located at: 423 152<sup>nd</sup> Street E., Tacoma*

## **\$35.00 Per Person**

4:30-5:30	Appetizers & Beverages... Tour Small Cars Building
5:30-6:00	LeMay Presentation
6:00-7:00	Tour Large Car Museum Building
7:00-8:00	Dinner Served
8:00-9:45	Awards Presentation

For more information.....

Contact:	Debbie or Al Carton
Phone:	425-334-9102
E-mail:	addcodeb@verizon.net
Address:	P.O. Box 1229 Snohomish, WA 98291

Please be prepared for cool weather during Museum tours!

Posted by Lorne Stead

*Listed here are words and phrases you just shouldn't use when ice racing...*

*"Breaking the ice"*

Look, if ya feel a little awkward hanging around with a group of ice racers you don't know, there's no need to "break the ice". Tell a nice clean joke or something.

*"Testing the waters"*

Trying something new, and you need some feedback from your fellow racers? Well, don't worry, they won't like it. Especially if you have the unmitigated gall to mention ice in its non-solid form.

*"Taking the plunge"*

OK, you could be contemplating the switch from SAAB to VW, or from Blizzaks to Hakks. Maybe even thinking about installing a cage and bolting on actual ice tires. Just don't couch it in terms of plunging. We don't like plunging.

*"Global warming"*

An appalling concept. Don't even think about bringing it up. We're an ice racing club. We're not about warmth. Duh.

*"Reaching new depths"*

Ice racers don't do depths. They don't like deep. That should be obvious. No wonder so many of them are single (it can't be the hygiene...) Find a different way to describe their humor. Please.

*"Hitting rock bottom"*

Rock bottom, sandy bottom, mud bottom. Whatever, they're all bad. They should be covered by a nice thick layer of ice, and left alone for as much of the year as possible.

*"Thaw"*

Another depressing subject better left unmentioned. Yes, it's going to get warm again sooner or later, but do you have to bring it up?

*"Clear sailing"*

Unless you're talking ice boats, don't. Sailing implies water. Water is bad. Ice is good. Repeat after me...

*"Sinking feeling"*

Don't have that sinking feeling. Just don't have it.

## Orders for New Dp01 Champ Car Presages Expansion of Field for 2007 Champ Car World Series

INDIANAPOLIS (January 9, 2007) - As many have anticipated, the introduction of the first new car to the Champ Car World Series in seven seasons has given the series an infusion of excitement as teams and drivers prepare for the 2007 season.

The new Panoz DP01 Champ Car will make its first on-track appearance in the hands of the series teams on January 23, running in the first of three open test sessions that Champ Car teams will use to prepare for the April 8 season-opening Vegas Grand Prix Fueled by Visa.

Twenty-five of the new cars have been ordered with teams putting down a substantial payment just to order one of the next-generation Champ Cars. Ten of those cars were delivered to the teams just before Christmas, with more being delivered as they roll out of the Elan Motorsports shop in Braselton, Georgia.

"Things are progressing according to plan and we feel good about where we are at this stage of the preseason," said Champ Car President Steve Johnson. "You are going to see a number of exciting driver announcements in the coming weeks incorporating many of our celebrated veterans battling alongside some exciting newcomers in a title fight that will capture the attention of sports fans around the world."

The Champ Car teams are currently finalizing driver and sponsor lineups for the chase of the 2007 Vanderbilt Cup, with the season opener still three full months away, but some of the top names in the sport are already signed and ready to take up the fight for one of the most prestigious titles in racing. Three-time and defending series champion Sebastien Bourdais will look to become the first driver ever to win four consecutive championships in an American open-wheel racing series.

In the second season of a five-year deal with Forsythe Championship Racing, Canadian superstar Paul Tracy will lead the charge in trying to dethrone Bourdais while 2006 Roshfrans Rookie-of-the-Year Will Power heads into 2007 with an eye on his first title charge. Newcomers to the Champ Car scene, Pacific Coast Motorsports, will have a pair of rookies in Ryan Dalziel and Alex Figge, but both drivers lead the series in preseason testing time, and have had at least two seasons apiece worth of seat time in the Champ Car Atlantic Championship, which is the top developmental series leading to Champ Car.

Minardi Team USA, PKV Racing, Newman/Haas Racing, Forsythe Championship Racing, Team Australia, Rocketsports, Mi-Jack/Conquest Racing, RuSPORT and Dale Coyne Racing are all preparing further sponsor and driver announcements for the 2007 season, with many announcements anticipated in the week leading up to the first open test. Each of those teams are anticipating having at least one car on track for the Jan 23-25 tests in Sebring, with more planning further expansion as the April 8 season opener approaches.



Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage America has ever known.

Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

#### ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth.....think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf

And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

## 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)

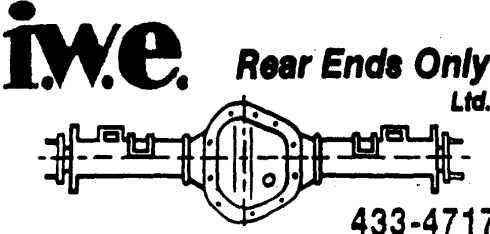
## Club Shirts

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

For all club merchandise contact:  
 Ann Peters 604-581-7189 or  
 ann\_peters@telus.net

***Your Ad Could Be Here  
 Advertise in the Mayday***

	Per year	Per Issue
Full Page	\$200.00	\$50.00
1/2 Page	\$140.00	\$35.00
1/4 Page	\$80.00	\$20.00
Bus. Card	\$40.00	\$10.00
Contact the editor for more info		



**iwe. Rear Ends Only Ltd.**  
 7140 RUSSELL AVENUE  
 BURNABY, B.C.  
 V5J 4R9

433-4717  
 Open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
 IAN WOOD, Grad. I.M.I.



**Canadian Collectors Club**  
 The Home of Pack Wars!  
 Authorized Planet Plush Dealer  
 and Licensed Collectibles From  
 Ty Plush, Star Wars, NHL, NBA,  
 NFL, MLB, NASCAR and NHRA

**Jon Lee**  
 Unit #1 33232 S. Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC, V2S 2f  
 Phone: 604-870-9271 Fax: 604-504-0922  
 www.canadiancollectorsclub.com



**MURRAY PONTIAC BUICK GMC**  
 32611 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 1X8  
 "OUR REPUTATION IS YOUR GUARANTEE"

ROB TAYLOR  
 GENERAL MANAGER  
 rtaylor@murraypontiac.com

OFFICE: 604-859-5264  
 VAN. DIRECT: 604-857-0742  
 FAX: 604-852-4274  
 EMAIL: sales@murraypontiac.com

## Membership

C/O Thomas Liesner, 8620 154<sup>th</sup> Street, Surrey, BC V3S 3N6

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.-- Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter via E-Mail Yes No

Cost is \$20--Membership year ends Dec. 31--MAYDAY mailing list will be purged of non-members Mar. 31  
 Please indicate if you would like the META newsletter sent to you by E-Mail or send the editor a message at  
 maydayeditor@hotmail.com