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Next META meeting will be

## May 23, 2007

Note that our new meeting location is

**Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC**

## Speed reading

May 11-13	National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 12&13	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
May 12&13	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 19&20	BC Championships #1 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
May 19&20	ICSCC Race #2 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 19&20	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 19&20	Schools Out TSD Rally	GRRS	Prince George, BC
May 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
May 26-28	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 26&27	Westwood Club Race #3 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
May 27	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Indiana
Jun 1&2&3	Rose Cup / National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jun 2&3	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 2&3	Coastal Club Race #3 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 9&10	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 9&10	Portland Grand Prix	OWRS	Portland, Or
Jun 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 15&16	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 16&17	ICSCC Race #3 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 16&17	U.S. Grand Prix	Formula 1	Indianapolis, Ind
Jun 16&17	Westwood Club Race #4 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 23&24	Cleveland Grand Prix	OWRS	Cleveland, Ohio
Jun 23&24	ICSCC Race #4 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 23&24	Coastal Club Race #4 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 27	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jun 29/30/Jul 1	Pacific NW Historics – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Jun 30/Jul 1	Circuit Mont Tremblant	OWRS	St Jovite, PQ
Jun 30/Jul 1	Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or

*May 8th, 2007*

*It is with great sadness that I must advise of the death of Ed Smart this afternoon at Lions Gate Hospital, at approximately 2:30 p.m.*

*As we know more about any services to be held I will relay the information.*

*Ed has been such an important and long-serving part of this organization that it will be hard to imagine him not being on our team any longer.*

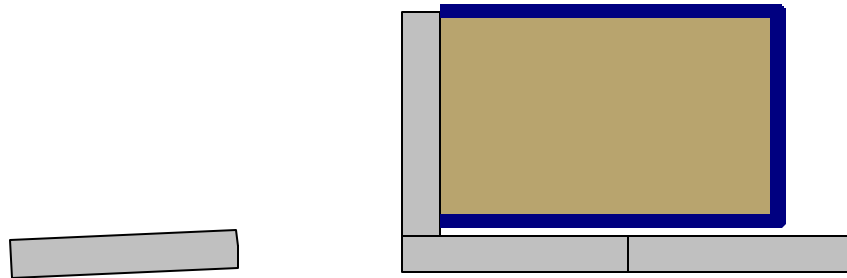
*However, although not in body but in spirit he will always be with us.*

*Lorne Stead, CACC President*

## VP Rambling

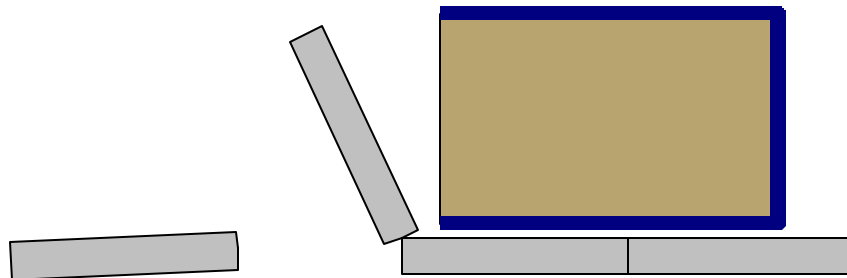
The first race weekend of the year passed with a disappointing turnout of workers, at least on Sunday. I had to work on Saturday so was a no show. This doesn't bode well for the coming year; however those that didn't show missed a good turnout for the WSC, which actually had some real racing, at least in P4.

The new worker platform at turn 7 is no longer fastened to the wall, however I understand on Saturday the block that had been placed 90° to the blocks along the track blocked egress from the platform (see diagram of "Original setup"). Please note that my diagrams are **not** to scale.



Original setup

This was rectified by placing the block at a slight angle (see diagram of "Final setup"), although it no longer gives as much resistance to the wall moving, it is possible to get on and off the platform without climbing over the block.



Final setup

The new platform is far safer, in that the original one was fastened to a block that was able to move. The downside is that those of us that used to like blue flagging from the end of the block/worker station can no longer do so safely as the angled block is in the way of your escape route. Andrew Slater and I found that we leaned over the railing on the turn station when blue flagging so the catch fence didn't obstruct our view (probably why we flagged from the end of the blocks before). Mid morning when I went to throw some coffee at Rick I discovered that his plaque was gone, it was taken for safe keeping due to the flood threat, I sent him some coffee anyway since I'm sure his spirit is still there.

*Mike*

# 50th Knox Mountain Hillclimb

## Schedule of Events

### **Friday May 18th**

12:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration and Technical Inspection at Knox Mountain Park

### **Saturday May 19th**

7:00AM to 8:00AM

Technical Inspection in the pits

7:00AM to 10:00AM

Breakfast at the hill

7:30AM

Corner workers' meeting. Placing of crash vehicles and safety equipment

8:00AM

Distribution of corner workers

8:30AM

Mandatory Drivers' meeting at start line

9:00AM

Official opening of the course

9:00AM to 5:00PM

Practice and official timed runs

### **Sunday May 20st**

7:00AM to 10:00AM

Breakfast at the hill

7:30AM

Corner workers' meeting. Distribution of safety equipment

8:30AM

Mandatory Drivers' meeting at start line

9:00AM

Racing continues

After runs completed

Awards and presentations at the start line.

### **Monday May 21nd**

Monday Morning

Special events planned to include possible racing for best in class and novice events, etc.

*Contact Vic Kennedy if you are planning on working this event or need more information*

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## A Math Trick:

1. Grab a calculator. (you won't be able to do this one in your head)
2. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80
4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?

From <http://www.nascc.ab.ca/>

## *SPORTS CARS at the Edmonton Grand Prix!!*

*It's Official!*

*The NASCC 50th Anniversary GT Invitational is ON!*

May 4, 2007

After months of hard work (with much more to come indeed) we are pleased to announce that the NASCC 50th Anniversary GT Invitational is officially a part of the Champ Car Support Program for the 2007 Grand Prix of Edmonton. The July 20-22nd event is actually a series of races with qualifying races Friday, sprint races Saturday and finally the NASCC GT Invitational Cup Race on Sunday, immediately following the Champ Car Race. As this is a huge spectator event we see the weekend as an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the NASCC and help celebrate its 50th Anniversary in style.

Have you been missing the Vancouver Invitational?? Well here it is again in a new venue, and TWO sets of cars

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TWO classes: GT/IT, and Vintage/GT Touring

We are shooting for 50 to 65 cars in GT and 35 to 40 cars in Vintage Touring.

(Leaving a little more room around the precious Vintage gear.)

Please visit the race web site at [edmontonrace.com](http://edmontonrace.com) for more information. See you at the races!

K. Christianson, J. Ondrack, N. Renz, H. Schmidt, B. Sinfield, D. Welsh, K. Schmidt

## The Hall of Fame

On Sunday, April 22, a bunch of us met at the Terry Fox Plaza to go through the BC Sports Hall of Fame. For those of you that didn't show up you missed a lot of fun. There were lots of interesting exhibits to go through, Terry Fox, Rick Hansen, Olympic Medal winners, and so on. Needless to say we spent a great deal of time in the Greg Moore exhibit. The exhibit included Greg's hockey uniform, go cart, and of course one of his Indy cars (just a roller – no engine), several of his racing helmets, and trophies.

Across from the Indy car was a simulator, Bonnie was the first to brave it, crashing when she tried to figure out the paddle shifters. Next we commandeered Nick, since he is a racing game pro, I watched him carefully learning the tricks (I also learned from Bonnie), so by the time it was my turn I had figured out that you needed to have 'the pedal to the medal' as soon as the simulator software loaded, backing off slightly only when I was about to run into the car in front of me. As the simulator accelerated I played with the paddle shifters and discovered that they did nothing (it was like driving a race car with a slush box – it shifted according to a preset shift point). If you go through, I recommend you give the simulator a shot (just bear in mind it has idiosyncrasies).

We all met for lunch at Moxies afterwards for more socializing, and eats. To keep with tradition Roger was served last, I had made the mistake of sitting on the wrong side of Roger so was served second last. Discussion also ensued about the cat Bonnie was adopting, and how best to acclimatize it to it's new surroundings.

Bonnie, keep us posted on how your new family member is doing.

*Mike Bailey*

# More Mayday History

Volume 1, Issue #4, July 1976

## *DRIVER PROFILE - AL ORES*

Well known Formula Vee driver Al Ores, father of four [enough for a pit crew] has been racing since 1968. Racing in both CASC and Conference events, Al has listed among his accomplishments SCCBC Sportsman of the year in 1969 and 1971, BC Overall Championship and the 1975 CASC Formula Vee Championship. Voted the Most Improved Driver in 1972, the general shop foreman of Bert's Automotive also belongs to the Westwood Committee and is a member of the RDC.

Al's most recent accomplishment was a strong 3rd place in the recent money Formula Vee race at Westwood; his son Mike won the race and also had the audacity to beat Al on the previous weekend too!! [Father's Day] In an intrepid attempt to keep up with track conditions, Al has even been known to tape a flashlight to the top of his helmet and do laps in a bold endeavor to press on, regardless.

Plans for next year include taking over son Mike's factory FV if Mike can establish himself in a Formula Ford.

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*Also, in the same issue, in the Letters to the Editor:*

I always wondered how good race drivers get to the top, well I sure found out how at the last CASC race at Westwood. If one driver gets out and beats the track record eight times in the same race he's got one hell of a future in front of him. Who is that driver? Well you guessed it. Mike Ores in a Formula Vee. Congratulations from all the META members and lots of luck in the future Mike!

*Roger Salomon*

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And from Volume 10, Issue #6, July 8, 1985

## Westwood WCAR, Pro FF Weekend - July 20/21

This is our biggie, folks! Come one, come all and come prepared. Traditionally it's been hot and sunny. Fluid therapy is vital, as is a hat, preferably with a wide brim. Bring all the usual bells, whistles and other turn-working paraphernalia, especially your wits. You know what happens when Formula Ford drivers hear the word "money". And lastly, not to cast a damper [hee hee] on things but maybe if we all bring our rain gear too, the sun will stay out.

Turn Marshals - There will be a TM meeting at Start/Finish or thereabouts at 7:45 sharp on Saturday July 20. You are required to be there.



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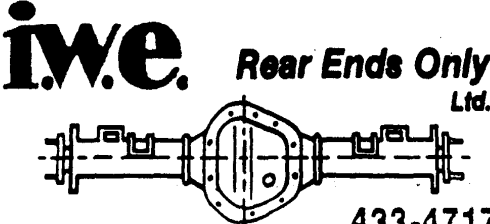
## Club Shirts

*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with  
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