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Next META meeting will be
JANUARY 28, 2009

Our meeting location is Boston Pizza
1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

SPEED READING

Dec 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 7	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 10&11	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 24&25	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 31	META 35 th Anniversary Banquet –	5:45	Surrey, BC
	Guildford Golf and Country Club		
Feb 7&8	Ice Race # 3 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 7&8	Thunderbird Rally TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior
Feb 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 21&22	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	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

2009 META Executive

President: Mike Bailey

Vice President: Roger Salomon

Treasurer: Doris Gildemeister

Secretary: Tasma Wooton



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

*Have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

Mike's Ramblings:

November was a busy month, with the Vintage Racing Club of BC getting the date for the 2009 Historic Motor Races confirmed, the CACC Fall General meeting, and the META AGM. This was also the Month that Conference rule change proposals got dealt with and a few other end of season things happened, but I'll leave others to report on those.

For those who haven't heard, the META executive remains unchanged for 2009, all positions were unopposed. The motion to define the term for the executive from January 1st to December 31st passed unanimously. The motion to change the requirements for the Rookie of the year award was overwhelmingly defeated, it was very clear the members present feel membership in META should remain a requirement and therefore it is conceivable that the award may not be given every year.

The 2009 Historic Motor Races will coincide with the Westwood50, a celebration of the opening of Westwood 50 years ago. The press release is elsewhere in this issue of the Mayday as well as being posted on the website, it can be accessed completely at: http://meta.bc.ca/Members/hmr_notices/Westwood50_news_release.html.

Doris, Ann, Roger and I attended the VRC Gala, which was a lot of fun. Al and Ann Ores were at our table, along with Robert Barg and Randy Custer. I think Robert, Randy and I were probably the trouble makers of the evening, Jim Latham (president of the VRC) even dropped by to chastise me for the number of deserts I had (I wasn't even keeping up to Randy). Typical of any VRC gathering it was a lot of fun, sorry you were not there.

The CACC Fall General Meeting was relatively well attended by representatives of member clubs. Most member clubs gave reports; my report for META indicated that membership may have grown last year, and all current members are active in the sport. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting, however my wording is not the exact wording of rule changes and all is written from memory (refer to the meeting minutes when posted on the CACC web site for accurate information):

- There was discussion on the CACC bylaws and a poll was taken on how clubs should be represented for voting purposes. Currently to vote one must be a licence holder, this puts a strong bias towards clubs like SCCBC that has a large number of CACC licence holding members, and is a contributing factor in smaller clubs not attending CACC meetings, what is the point in attending if you don't influence the outcome. Also, any of the Solo 1 clubs don't have voting rights under the current system, nor does META since CACC does not issue workers licences. Currently the only officials issued licences are Race Stewards and Tech Inspectors. SCCBC appears to be in favour of the changes to the requirements for voting and is recommending that workers also be licensed. The Bylaws will now be reviewed by the CACC executive based on the feedback from the member clubs at this meeting and put forward proposed new bylaws at the spring meeting for further discussion.
- CACC will be checking that all clubs are up to date and have met the requirements under the BC non-profit societies act before they will be issued insurance for the year.
- The names of people running for executive positions should be published prior to the meetings in order to allow reasonable discussion on the individuals running.
- Member clubs must have 5 directors to be a member club.
- There is discussion ongoing on whether CACC will issue worker licences.
- All Spec Miata's will now run under IP3 (including the 1.8 liter Miata's), The current SCCA rulebook will be used to define a Spec Miata (this already states the size of restrictor plate needed to put 1.8 Miata's on equal footing with 1.6 Miata's).
- The SCCA rulebook will be used for Formula Fords. This will bring CACC in line with Conference and SCCA rules, so drivers can legally run under any of these sanctioning bodies without making changes to their cars.

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- Protests will now require a bond of up to \$3000.00, at the discretion of the Race Stewards for the event, and shall be posted with a protest (this is in addition to the protest fee), to cover the costs of tear-down, inspection, and reassembly by a qualified third party under the supervision of a tech inspector. Should the car be found legal the posted bond would cover the costs incurred, any remaining balance would be returned to the protestor. If the car is found illegal the posted bond would be returned to the protestor and costs incurred would fall to the protested individual. It is up to the competitor to be sure his car is legal for the class he is running in.
- Ray and Roland Stec put forward several motions in an attempt to allow two or more drivers to share the same care equally in a series and splitting the points equally. All their motions were defeated.

At one of the breaks Randy Custer and I approached CACC President Lorne Stead about the current vintage rules, which are so restrictive many of the cars raced in the '70s and '80s are not able to run. Many of the cars raced in the '70s and '80s not only had the door panels (and usually the sheet metal the door panels attached to) removed; they had flared fenders as well. This makes them ineligible for Vintage, even though that was how they were raced in their day. We have been advised that we need to go through the Vintage club to make these changes. We did find that there are several others that either have or know of cars that currently aren't run since they are not competitive in any current class, but can't run under the current VRC rules. My interest in this issue is that no DRC car (and this includes the 510 I helped build) is eligible for the VRC races even though the cars were run at the same time as some of the cars that are currently run in VRC (yet in most cases cars run in VRC races never were raced in that same time period they represent, but are vintage cars that have been turned into race cars).

Sherrie Wall approached me on behalf of Cars on Ice about the META workers manual; my concern is that we have not updated it or a number of years. I think META will need to get on the ball and be sure our worker manual is up to date.

I had further discussion with Lorne Stead after the meeting was adjourned on the licensing of workers, this is something he, and judging from comments made by Pam Stec earlier, the SCCBC would like to see happen. Worker licensing is not something that is likely to be happening in the next year or so.

Another thing I discussed with Lorne was alternate fuel cars and how they would fit into current rules. Although propane powered cars already run in Ice Racing there are no clear provisions currently for non-fossil fuelled cars to run. This is something I may be pursuing in the future, as we both believe it is only a matter of time before a Hybrid shows up, and I believe an electric car could already run competitively (there are individuals already putting together electric cars for under \$6000, so the price is attractive enough).

Mike Bailey

You're Invited

Roger and Ann invite one and all to their annual Open House

Any time from 2:30 pm onwards on Dec 13th

10952 McAdam Rd

Delta, BC

META

Motorsport and Emergency Turnworkers Association

1973 to 2008



ANOTHER MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

DATE: JANUARY 31ST, 2009

PLACE: GUILDFORD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
7929 - 152ND STREET
SURREY, BC (WEST SIDE OF 152ND)

TIME: COCKTAILS 5:45PM
DINNER 6:30PM
AWARDS 7:30PM



TICKETS: \$40.00 PER PERSON
CONTACT: Doris 604-588-9218
Lynn 604-501-1503 (lynnrimmer@shaw.ca)



Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC

2009 SCHEDULE



January 10/11

January 24/25

February 7/8

February 21/22

Regarding accommodations for ice racing, the Best Value Desert Inn is still Cars On Ice Headquarters and the accommodation of choice as recommended by your executive. The Desert has a new owner, Mr. Bob Se who has graciously agreed to continue the many benefits offered to us in the past by Fred & Marg. Please be sure to book your accommodations at the Desert Inn as soon as possible as they fill up for some of our weekends with us and hockey tournaments so..... get your room booked now!!! You must call 1-800-663-0212 to receive the special Cars On Ice Rates.

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. Membership year ends December 31st.

The 2008 Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society Induction Ceremony

On Sunday October 19 the Society held their Induction Ceremony. Alan Edwards of Global TV was the Master of Ceremonies.

From Sports Car and Road Racing the inductees were:

Gio Coletta - Presenter Tom Johnston. Gio raced at Westwood from 1960 until 1972. He never could afford to build and run his own car so instead he hired out to whoever needed a driver. Often Alfas were the ones he drove.

Vince Howlett - Presenter Tom Johnston. Vince was inducted in the Supporter Sports Car and Road Racing category. Most will recognize him as the frequent PA announcer at the Historic Race Car weekend.

Merv Therriault - Presenter Tom Johnston. Merv was inducted under the Supporter category. The story was told how he got a job working for Lotus as a welder at their factory. It seems that Lotus had two entries, #15 and #16, for a race at a track 80 miles from London. The problem was that they only had one car at the track and it was time to qualify. The first car was sent out and, after qualifying, it came into the pits and Merv and the rest of the crew surrounded it. It was then that the #15 was peeled off and the #16 substituted! Graham Hill then took #16 out and qualified it! That night the real #16 arrived and both cars raced the next day.

From other forms of motorsport the inductees were: Bill Diak-Supporter Oval Racing; John Evans-Pioneer Drag Racing; Pete Harding-Pioneer Oval Racing; Ted Havens-Pioneer Motorcycling; Bill Hall-Pioneer Oval Racing; Pete Kellond-Pioneer Motorcycling; Ed Loewen-Pioneer Hot Rod, Custom Car and Drag Racing; Boots Olson-Pioneer Hot Rod, Custom Car and Drag Racing; Al Perrett-Pioneer Motorcycling; Carl Tjorhom-Pioneer Hot Rod, Custom Car and Drag Racing

On the cover of the program was a picture of two motorcycle riders at speed rounding the Hairpin at Westwood. *Going the wrong direction!!* Those folks on two wheels did that sometimes!

Joe Proud

Excerpts from posts on the ICSCC Forum:

International Conference of Sports Car Clubs Accolades

ICSCC Worker of the Year was presented to Ralph Hunter of Seattle.

He has done an outstanding job of learning the ins and outs of the Starters Tower and also attended all the races this year.

Congratulations Ralph.

Congratulations Jeff Broadhead, ICSCC Novice Driver of the Year

For being a good sportsman on and off the track, contribution to ICSCC, demonstration of driving ability and a passion for the sport.

ICSCC 2008 Driver of the Year is Greg Miller.

Congratulations Greg its well deserved.

Congratulations to Kevin Skinner on being the new Conference president.

Kevin and Leslie are two of the most ardent supporters of motorsport.

Conference will be in good hands.

2009 Bowl for Big Brothers Classic

February 15 - April 8

About the Campaign

Overview

Join the Alien Nation

It's time to paint your face green and take over the planet with The 2009 Bowl for Big Brothers Classic. Sign up, collect pledges and allow us to treat your team to a two hour bowling event in the stars.

You Win, The Kids Win!

Once upon a time, in a galaxy far, far away... there were no cool prizes and not enough Big Brothers. Not any more! Raise pledges to fund friendships between Big and Little Brothers and you will win cosmic prizes!

Who Can Bowl?

Anyone! Create your own Starship Enterprise crew by recruiting teams from your office. Or raise a finger to the sky and call home to ask your family and friends to join you.

Where the Money Goes

All proceeds from the Bowl for Big Brothers Classic support Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver's quality mentoring programs by funding volunteer screening and training and the monitoring of friendships.

Mentoring programs help kids reach their full potential by heightening self esteem and enabling them to make healthy decisions.

Studies indicate kids with mentors perform better academically, display improved personal relationships and are less inclined to use drugs and alcohol as teens.

Mentoring benefits the community by endorsing volunteerism, tolerance and social responsibility.

Our vision is to put a mentor in the life of every child who needs one.

META's team will be bowling Friday March 13th

8:00pm - 10:00pm

REVS BOWLING CENTRE - 10 PIN

5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby

For more information and registration go to

www.BIGbowlUFO.com or

contact Mike Bailey to sign up for the META Bowling Team

Thank You for a Great Year!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated at Rivers Edge Raceway this past year. It was one of the best years we have had at the track.

CACC had great attendance all season which meant large grids and lots of great and entertaining racing.

ICSCC were here twice with the second event being the double race weekend which is always entertaining with the point races heating up at the end of the season.

This year we had our first Children's Charity Grand Prix at Mission, with a large grid of GT cars which put the new track configuration to a test. With all the hard work done by the organizers of the event close to \$40,000.00 was raised for children's charities.

The Vintage Racing Club, besides putting on a great display of old race cars and a great meal, turned our front strait into a landing strip for the Red Baron!

This year was also the celebration of Al Ores 40 years for racing! Thank you to the Ores family for organizing some special Formula V races for Al and a great celebration dinner on the Saturday night.

We ended the year with a CACC race weekend as well as a Honda race. What a great way to wrap up the year!

I would also like to thank SCCBC for the goodie bags at registration and for supplying our lunches and dinners again all year. It is nice to have a selection of good food every weekend.

Thank you for your participation and all of your hard work this year. It was without a doubt one of best years we have had at Rivers Edge!

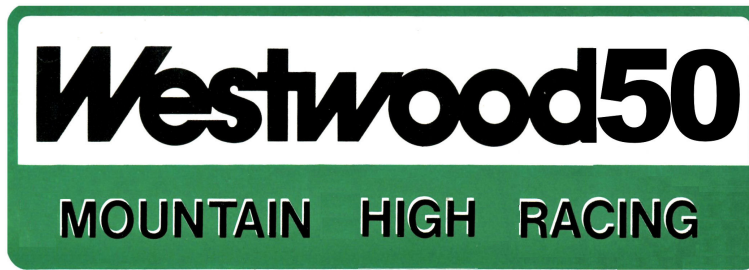
Have a great off season (if you are not ice racing)!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

See you next Season!

Dave Nex

Course Marshall



For Immediate release

November 30, 2008

The Westwood50 organizing committee in conjunction with The Sports Car Club of British Columbia and the Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia announces an event to recall and celebrate the legendary and much missed Westwood Racing Circuit. Westwood held its first race on opening day July 26, 1959 – fifty years ago.

The celebration event will consist of a special three day running of the Vintage Club's annual Historic Motor Races, as well SCCBC special Races and a variety of social events and displays of cars with Westwood history and other memorabilia. A reunion gala dinner is planned for the Saturday evening.

The event will run on the weekend of July 17, 18 and 19, 2009 at the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in the Vancouver suburb of Mission, British Columbia.

Westwood50 will be a significant and memorable event for all motor sport enthusiasts.

Westwood Racing Circuit, located in the Vancouver, British Columbia suburb of Coquitlam, was Canada's first purpose-built automobile road racing track. The history of the track is inextricably intertwined with the history of the Sports Car Club of British Columbia, the group that built the track and operated it over its life of 32 seasons. Because it was built and operated by a club, the circuit had a very different personality than most racetracks. It was a real "people place" — families grew up there.

Additional information will be posted on the website.

www.westwood50.org

Email: info@westwood50.org

Posted on the ICSCC Forum Thursday, December 04, 2008 -11:36 am:

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PRESS RELEASE:

The weekend of the 22/23 of November saw the first ever sports car events held at OREGON RACEWAY PARK; by all reports the track was a big hit with participants. Comments ranged from veteran driver Skip Yocom "This will be one of the top five tracks in the country" to the "The best any where bar-none" assessment of 2008 American Sedan champion John Rissberger. Greg Miller, International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (I.C.S.C.C.) License Director quipped, "Wow, what a rush, any more track time and you'd have to surgically remove my smile."

Bill Murray, Event Coordinator for Star Projects the event presenter stated, "This marks a huge milestone in a process that began over six years ago". 178 people served in various specialties over the weekend in two separate events. Saturday was an "owners only" test day and Sunday was a Racing Instructors Master Class.

According to the organizers, "The purpose of the Sunday event had three elements: First was to have a safe event. Second was to familiarize future driving instructors with the six of the twelve course options that will be used in regular high performance driving schools. Third was to seek recommendations for finalizing the course for competition".

The great majority of those invited to drive in this event have well over 20 years racing experience, with some nearing 40 years of competition driving behind them. The group included many past champions, race chairmen, stewards, club presidents and driving masters.

In addition to the drivers were some of the Northwest's top Turn Personnel and Course Specialists: Rob and Adam Jacobson, Russ Newhouse, Ali Montgomery, Bud Mansur, Ken Killam, Kathy Fraser, and others flagged corners and covered the many blind spots in this very complex and challenging track. O.R.P member Phil Blackstone remarked "Their input will be invaluable in placement of the turn stations that will be fabricated by Rick Danielson's industrial arts class at North Sherman High School.

One driver noted "The fact that at brand new and untested facility, with up to 40 cars on track, running three configurations in both directions, we were able to stay on schedule, says a lot about the professionalism of the turn workers."

As well as conducting their regular duties, O.R.P. Course Superintendent Bob Caspell and Property Manager Bret Blackstone filled in as flat tow drivers. Local recruit Mathew Earl worked gate security. Also on hand were Sherman County Fire and Rescue personnel and local tow truck driver Lee Hays, who donated his services for this event.

Participants were kept well fed through the efforts of Joyce and Ron Tanner, Sheri Bloom, Lynn Coupland, and Vickie Clark. Sunday lunch was provided by the efforts of Jim Short and Carol Thompson at the Grass Valley Market where the Sunday evening debriefing session was also held.

Submitted by: Marla Wiese, Administrative Assistant, STAR PROJECTS.

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. Please submit to Joe Proud at jjproudca@yahoo.ca, Mark Miller, Mike Bailey or Doris Gildemiester.

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: The Rookie of the year must be a member in good standing in their first membership year and have attended at least 50% of the local races as a paid-up META member.

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

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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
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