



# MAYDAY

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**Next META meeting will be**

**JULY 22, 2009**

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

## SPEED READING

<b>Jul 11&amp;12</b> Jul 11&12	<b>Portland Historic Races-PIR</b> Toronto Indy	<b>SOVREN</b> IRL	<b>Portland, Or</b> Toronto, Ont
<b>Jul 17/18/19</b>	<b>Westwood50 Vintage Races – MRP</b>	<b>VRCBC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b>
<b>July17/18/19</b> <b>Jul 17/18/19</b>	<b>NASCAR West Series – PIR</b> <b>ICSCC Race #5&amp;6 – SRP</b>	<b>PIR</b> <b>NWMS</b>	<b>Portland, Or</b> <b>Spokane, Wa</b>
Jul 18&19	Coastal Club Race #8 & #9 – GMR	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 18&19	Westwood Club Race #5 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Jul 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
<b>Jul 24/25/26</b> Jul 25	<b>Edmonton Indy</b> Gold Digger TSD Rally	<b>IRL</b> WCRA	<b>Edmonton, AB</b> Squamish, BC
<b>Aug 1&amp;2</b> Aug 8&9	<b>ICSCC Race #7 – PR</b> Mid-Ohio Grand Prix	<b>IRDC</b> IRL	<b>Seattle, Wa</b> Lexington, Ohio
Aug 8&9	Westwood Club Race #6 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
<b>Aug 8&amp;9</b> Aug 12	<b>Regional – PIR</b> SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	<b>SCCA/OR</b> North Road	<b>Portland, Or</b> Coquitlam, BC
<b>Aug 15&amp;16</b> <b>Aug 15&amp;16</b>	<b>Driver Training – MRP</b> <b>ICSCC Race #8 – PIR</b>	<b>SCCBC</b> <b>CSCC</b>	<b>Mission, BC</b> <b>Portland, Or</b>
Aug 22&23	Coastal Club Race #10 – GMR	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 22&23	Grand Prix of Sonoma	IRL	Sonoma, Ca
Aug 26	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
<b>Aug 29&amp;30</b> Aug 29 &30	<b>Double Regional/Vintage(SOVREN)</b> Crestline TSD Rally	<b>SCCA/NWR</b> IRC	<b>Bremerton, Wa</b> BC Interior

## Westwood50 July 17,18,19.....Update:

- Everyone that plans on working that weekend is invited to the Friday night BBQ. This will be the typical entertainment hoopla that would normally be on the Saturday night. I don't want to give away this year's skit but it is specifically aimed at us workers.
- I have been assured that all volunteers will be fed Saturday night, probably by Metro Catering
- There will not be room for camping in the usual area, contact Keith Robinson for further details (he is the site manager for the WW50)

*Mike Bailey*

Member: VRC, SCCBC, META

# Mike's Ramblings:



The Answer to last month's question is:

Ian McMahon emailed me the correct answer for last month's question a day after the Mayday was uploaded to the website, what took the rest of you so long!!

Walter P. Chrysler arranged to take a controlling interest in the Maxwell Motor Company, Inc. in 1921 after it had fallen into financial troubles at the beginning of the depression.

Prior to that, Maxwell was one of the top three auto manufacturers in the US, Ford and Buick were the other two. In 1925 Chrysler formed his own company and phased out the Maxwell automobile. Maxwell assets were absorbed into Chrysler.

This month's question is:

Who were the two individuals behind the Snake and the Stallion war in the 1960's? Incidentally this has apparently been chosen as the theme for our banquet this year.

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So far this year I think all our events at Mission have been good; however I have been reminded that training is something we need to pull our socks up on. I would very much like to see someone from the membership step up to help with this. The concept is to do a short session, either before or after morning meetings, on one topic. Flags will be broken down into manageable groups. Hand signals are another topic that will need to be covered.

*I am writing the following in hopes that everyone can stand back and think.*

Sometimes I wonder if some of us aren't over anxious to make a call for oil, an example of this was Keith's Honda (90 Black), which smoked because of weak valve guide seals and possibly worn rings, neither of which would cause the car to leak oil on the track (the oil gets burned in the combustion chamber so is not going to land on the track).

For the record the engine in the 90 Black Honda expired due to being over revved when the novice renting it downshifted to second instead of fourth gear (it was not related to the smoking engine). Admittedly a smoking engine could be annoying to a driver behind him, although when Mark Finnis was chasing 90 Black with our 510 the only complaint I got was that it was nearly impossible to get around him (Mark had a couple of good races against that car with Bruce Jameson driving).

When it rains it only takes a drop of oil to make a big multicoloured oil ring on the road, that drop of oil could come from anywhere, and it can be extremely hard to pinpoint the true culprit. Blaming the wrong car can be very disheartening to a crew that worked very hard to find and fix an earlier oil leak.

For some of you that aren't aware, there were several cars that had issues with oil leaks during the June ICSSC race weekend, one of which left its entire oil cooler full of gear lube on pre-grid. I'm sure more than one car came in before the oil leak was noticed, which of course makes it difficult for workers to figure out who the culprit was. However, to be fair any driver that gets his car off the track before they are called for oil is a good thing. The plus of being pitted against the fence along the pit wall close to the track exit (or hot pit entrance to the Paddock) is that you tend to notice these things.

Sometimes I think that our top officials play favourites as well, an example would be when a red Honda was obviously leaking oil and smoking as the leaking oil burned off the exhaust system and yet was allowed to stay out for the entire race.

Something else that came out recently, although I won't cite a particular occasion as there have been several, is when someone thinks they heard something derogatory when something else was said. I don't doubt that on these occasions' tempers and/or frustrations are at their peaks.

(Ramblings Cont'd)

I know about one recent occurrence when an in-car camera told a different story than what had been reported by the worker, the worker's report resulted in that driver's disqualification.

If a driver complies with your request, odds are that his mutterings are aimed at the situation or he/she could also be talking to their crew, not the worker. It would be nice if these situations did not arise, but when they do perhaps we should step back and take the time to view it from the other person's point of view.

I plan to show the Snake and the Stallion DVD, which is about racing rivals in the early sixties, before the next meeting so interested members should show up early.

*Mike Bailey*

***Westwood Racing Circuit*** was a 1.8 miles (2.90 km) 8-turn road racing circuit located in Coquitlam, British Columbia on the southern slopes of Eagle Mountain (known locally as *Eagle Ridge*). The track was built and operated by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia (SCCBC). Construction of Westwood began in 1957, and the first race was held on July 26th, 1959, making it the first purpose-built permanent road course in Canada.

Westwood hosted many different professional race series over the years, including long stints with the Formula Atlantic Series, Trans-Am Series, and Player's GM Challenge Series. Champion drivers to have raced professionally at Westwood include Formula 1 World Champion Keke Rosberg, Indianapolis 500 winners Bobby Rahal and Danny Sullivan, as well as other famous names including Gilles Villeneuve and Michael Andretti.

The December 12th, 1988 episode of *MacGyver*, titled *Collision Course*, was primarily filmed at Westwood (where it was referred to as the *Westwood Springs Race Course*). The Player's GM Challenge Series served as the backdrop of the story.

The track, which was located on leased provincial crown land, eventually fell victim to urban development. The track finally closed in 1990 to make way for the Westwood Plateau housing development and the Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club.

(From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westwood\\_Motorsport\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westwood_Motorsport_Park) which references Tom Johnston, *Westwood, Everyone's Favourite Racing Circuit*, Granville Island Publishing)



July 26 1959 - Opening day program (SCCBC Archives)  
(From [Westwood50 website](http://Westwood50.com))

## ***The Vintage Racing Club of BC***

is pleased to invite you to participate in

### ***Historic Motor Races 2009***

The River's Edge Road Course, Mission Raceway Park, BC

**JULY 17th, 18th & 19th.**

This event is co-sanctioned by VRCBC & CACC  
and is presented with the assistance of the Sports Car Club of BC  
and the Motorsport Emergency & Turnworkers Association.

This is both a REVS and a SOVREN points event.

**The Feature Race on Sunday July 19 will be the PEPZI PRO**

a special race for Formula Ford 1600 cars of any era.

Group 8 will provide track time for pre 1990 cars  
either street cars or cars eligible to have raced at Westwood.

It will not be a race group but rather an opportunity  
for Westwood era race and street cars to be exercised  
at this weekend which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first Westwood race.

## ***North West MotorSports***

Presents

### ***Northern Quest Grand Prix***

**July 17th, 18th, 19th 2009**

Once again- NO Drag Racing this weekend!!!!

SRP is now owned by Spokane County and has been cleaned up !!!!

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2009 Competition Regulations  
as a championship race,

organized by North West MotorSports  
held at Spokane County Raceway.

**Featuring Special Race Friday only: Mazda Challenge**

**Featuring Special Race Saturday only: BMW Pro Challenge**

## ***International Race Drivers Club***

Presents the 4th annual

### ***Car Tender Challenge***

**August 1st & 2nd 2009**

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC under the 2009 Competition Regulations as a championship  
race, which is organized by IRDC and held at Pacific Raceways.

**Featuring Special Race Saturday only: Legends**

## *Mission Soapbox Derby*

Hello everyone,

Well I'm at home thinking about the day and thought I would send out a message thanking you for all your help at this year's event. It was a lot of work and I know we all worked a bit harder this year. I know I did what I could and I'm sore now.

In a way I'm glad another year of soapbox is over and also happy the weather held for us. But in a way a bit of me looks forward to next year, when we have more help, more members, and more stuff for people to do on site.

But like I said before, a Big Thank You goes out to all for the hard work everyone put in to this big event.

I think we all look forward to putting on this great Mission event.

See you all at the Mission Soapbox Derby Volunteer and Member thank you party July 8, 2009

*Russell Pattison*

Posted on the ICSCC forum: <http://www.icsc.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?s=&daysprune=&f=9>

25 Jun 2009, 06:54 PM

## August 2 IRDC Special Race

OK - here we go!

With thanks to some innovative thinking by the membership and great help from Norm Smith we will be presenting a Special Race Group that is a National Qualifier for the Legends! If I understand correctly, there are four regional qualifiers located in the NW, SW, NE, and SE respectively. The NW round was scheduled to be held at Miller Motorsports park but after some negotiation by Norm with their National office he was able to get that qualifier moved to Pacific. In addition to the local Legends guys that we know and love, there should be some draw from California, Nevada, and even Utah. Since the Legends guys typically go at it hammer and tongs every minute they are on the track regardless of whether it is qualifying or race, it should be an entertaining race for everyone to watch at the end of Saturday's race schedule.

Rick Bostrom  
IRDC Vice President  
ICSCC #155  
Groups 1/4/5

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*Editors Note: The original plan was to have a Spec Miata group combined with a Legends group for this special race, ICSCC competition regulations did not allow this to happen.*

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Posted on the ICSCC Forum: <http://www.icsc.com/forums/showthread.php?t=433&page=5>

7 Jul 2009, 12:36 PM

To allay all the speculation and hyperbole this is what we know: IRDC applied for a waiver for the special race and was denied by the E-Board. So we are running a Legends only special race. Which is just ducky because Norm and company got it sanctioned as a National Qualifier for the Legend group. This means maybe 20+ of the little guys running all out for national points which is going to make one exciting race and a real hoot to watch. As for mixing groups in the future we would indeed need a rules change.

Kerry McMurtrey  
IRDC BOD



# CARS ON ICE ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

WHEN?



Saturday, August 15, 2009  
Three o'clock pm until you want to leave

WHERE?

3741 Oakdale Street, Port Coquitlam




WHY?

Because it's fun to get together in  weather!

WHAT TO BRING?



- Your main dish (steak, chicken, burger, dog, etc.)
- Something to share with everyone (salad, dessert, appie, buns, chips, dip, etc.)
- Your favourite beverage 
- Lawn chair
- Easy-Up if you have one and the weather is asking for it!!!

R.S.V.P.?



Yes please - 604-945-4592 or [sherann@shaw.ca](mailto:sherann@shaw.ca)

# *The Laws of Life*

## Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

## Law of the Workshop

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

## Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

## Law of the Telephone

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

## Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

## Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now.

## Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

## Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

## Law of Coffee

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

## Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

## Wilson's Law

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

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