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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.

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Next META meeting will be
MARCH 25, 2009

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

SPEED READING

Mar 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Mar 13	Bowl for Big Brothers	8:00pm	Burnaby, BC
Mar 15	CACC AGM – Best Western Port	9:00am	Port Coquitlam, BC
Mar 21&22	Coastal Club Race #1 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Mar 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 28&29	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Mar 28&29	Westwood Club Race #1 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 4	Ice Race Banquet – Sundance Inn	WCIRABC	Ladner, BC
Apr 4&5	Grand Prix of St Petersburg	IRL	St Petersburg, FL
Apr 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 17/18/19	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 18&19	CACC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 18&19	Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Apr 18&19	Long Beach Grand Prix	IRL	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 18&19	Coastal Club Race #2 & #3 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Apr 25&26	ICSCC Race #1 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Apr 25&26	Westwood Club Race #2 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC

BOWL FOR BIG BROTHERS CLASSIC

Come out and support the META team and their quest to raise money for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver

META will bowl on

Friday March 13, 2009

8:00pm to 10:00pm at:

REVS 10 Pin

(next to the Holdom Skytrain station)

5502 Lougheed Highway,
Burnaby, B.C.

Mike's Ramblings:

Robert Barg sent me this ice racing photo from 1966 with comments about how they were using stock bumpers.



This comment and the photo had me thinking back to the first year I was involved in Ice racing, which was 1977 (Ice Challenge '77), at that point in time most cars had stock front bumpers, the odd car had a 2x4 to replace a bumper that had been damaged beyond repair. Back then a lot of drivers used a car they drove up in and body contact was minimal and clearly accidental. By 1983, the last year I was involved cars were using reinforced 2x10 bumpers and 'nerfing' other cars was becoming common, ironically most were towing their cars up so were not as concerned about the driveability for getting back home after the weekend. I find it interesting how Ice Racing is evolving back to discouraging body contact.

February saw two SCCBC work parties at the track. My understanding is that both work parties accomplished a lot. The Turn 9 flag station has been moved to turn 8 and is now up on the bank. One caveat however on this announcement, I'm not sure if our Course Marshal, Dave Nex and Race Chair, Robert Currie, have signed off on this, therefore the location of the turn 8 flag station may not be official yet. The tire wall from turn 5 to turn 6 has been rebuilt, and the runoff has been levelled. Although I am now on the SCCBC track ops committee, I was only able to attend the first work party, however had to leave at noon because I was also volunteering to drive for the Variety Show of Hearts.

Many from River's Edge volunteered for the telethon, and it was nice to see familiar faces.

Steve Paquette has announced the intent for Bullet Racing (<http://bulletracing.ca/>) to run the entire Grand-Am series (<http://www.grand-am.com/koni/teams/team.cfm?tid=1573>). Bullet Racing will be continuing their support for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, and you can still donate: <http://www.bcchf.net/bulletracing/>.

Don't forget that Drivers training is on March 28 & 29 and bowling on March 13.

(Ramblings Cont'd)

The Answer to last month's question is:



A Tonneau (pronounced ta'-no), sometimes spelled incorrectly as "tonno", is the extended back part of some cars which often contained a back seat in early cars. As early as 1914, and possibly before that, auto manufacturers were offering Tonneau models of their cars. In February's **Victory Lane** on page 54 they correctly referred to it in the MG TC as a place one would stow tools and supplies for road side repairs. Obviously some owners used a cover to protect anything they had stored in the Tonneau, thus it was referred to as a Tonneau Cover. In later years many of us remember a Tonneau Cover as the vinyl or leather covers used on soft top MG's and other sports cars' passenger compartments, often this had a zipper or snaps so the drivers area could be opened up and the rest could remain covered. In more recent years a Tonneau Cover has been the cover on pick-up trucks. Go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonneau> for more information.

This month's question is:

What brand of car as of August 2008 has the record for the fastest speeding ticket ever issued? As far as I can tell this record still stands.

See you at the races.

Mike

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.

**Please note the mailing list will be purged of non-members
March 31**

*Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC
Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet*

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Meeting: 9:30 – 3:00

Cocktails: 6:00

Dinner: 7:00

Awards: 8:00

Frivolity: 9:00-???

Price for full day will include: Coffee & muffins, lunch, dinner, etc.

Price for meeting only will include: Coffee & muffins, lunch

Price for dinner only will include: Dinner, etc.

*For workers the price will be pro-rated depending on how
many weekends were worked.*

Location: Sundance Inn, Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner

Price: TBA but should be close or the same as last year

Contact: Sheree Wall for tickets and more information

sherann@shaw.ca or 604-945-4592

CACC AGM

Sunday, March 15, 2009

at the Port Coquitlam Best Western

9:00 A.M. start

Many items to discuss including discipline committee reports and budgets (race, solo, ice and vintage), bylaws discussion, elections of President & Secretary, general planning for '09 season and beyond.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Thanks very much.

Lorne Stead,

CACC President

Grand-Am Loses a Friend - Hima Maher

By Kevin Buckler

March 9, 2009

SONOMA, Calif. - Our dear friend Hima Maher lost his life Saturday afternoon doing what he loved doing, skiing the steep and deep powder of the rugged Canadian backcountry.

He and three friends were skiing the boundary area at Kicking Horse Resort, just outside Golden, British Columbia, when they apparently triggered an avalanche which caught Hima and one other member of their group. All were wearing avalanche beepers and equipment and they were located by the other two within 15 minutes but it was too late.

Hima ran in six Rolex Series GT events in 2008 for TRG, finishing eighth in the Daytona Brumos Porsche 250, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and Montreal. He was also instrumental in putting together the No. 65 TRG/Riegel Autosport team, bringing together Ted Rozsa, Craig Stanton and John Potter.

Hima, 40, lived in Calgary, Alberta, and was a veteran of many different levels of Porsche racing - always bringing a fresh outlook and an unrelenting enthusiasm. He purchased Riegel Tuning Ltd., a professional Porsche tuning shop located in Calgary, in 1998, and changed its name to Riegel Tuning 98. Hima formed Maher Racing Inc. in 1999, operating the Maher Performance Driving School and the Calgary Sport Drivers Club.

Hima was a terrific guy and an inspiration to be around---always with a smile. He had a way of bringing people together just like he did on a Heli-trip into the backcountry that he hosted last year for our team, including myself, Spencer Pumpelly, Ted Ballou and Tim George Jr.

Thanks for enriching our lives Hima, you will be missed by the Grand-Am family.

Editors Note: Hima was a former SCCBC member and Molson Indy Vancouver Invitational Champion

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

Race Drivers Committee

Presents:

Race Driver Training 2009

at River's Edge Road Course

Saturday March 28 & Sunday March 29, 2009

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

"Dash for Cash Weekend"

APRIL 18/19, 2009

Featuring the Dash For Cash and CFDA

This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2009 CACC regulations and is organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC

Diary of a Demented Snow Shoveler

December 8

It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9

We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had! Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life!

December 12

The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment! My neighbor tells me not to worry-we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14

Snow, lovely snow! 8 inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15

20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and 2 extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska after all.

December 16

Ice storm this morning. Fell on my ass on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17

Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for 5 hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. God I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own livingroom.

December 20

Electricity is back on, but had another 14 inches of the damn stuff last night. More shoveling! Took all day. The damn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

(Cont'd)

(Demented Shoveler Cont'd)

December 22

Bob was right about a white Christmas because 13 more inches of the white crap fell today, and it's so cold, it probably won't melt till 20th of August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to piss. By the time I got undressed, pissed and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter, but he says he's too busy. I think the a--hole is lying.

December 23

Only 2 inches of snow today. And it warmed up to 0. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What is she, nuts?!! Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did but I think she's lying.

December 24

6 inches - Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the son of a bitch who drives that snow plow, I'll drag him through the snow by his balls and beat him to death with my broken shovel. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over where I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open our presents, but I was too busy watching for the damn snowplow.

December 25

Merry f---ing Christmas! 20 more inches of the damn slop tonight - Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. God, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's a fricking idiot. If I have to watch "It's A Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26

Still snowed in. Why the hell did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves...

December 27

Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze; plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him, he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28

Warmed up to above -20. Still snowed in. The BITCH is driving me crazy!!!

December 29

10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30

Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver, and now he is suing me for a million dollars, not only for the beating I gave him, but also for trying to shove the broken snow shovel up his ass. The wife went home to her mother. Nine more inches predicted.

December 31

I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8

Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?

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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
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