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Next META meeting will be
OCTOBER 24, 2012

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

SPEED READING

Oct 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Oct 13&14	Pacific Forest Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Oct 20	Petite LeMans – Road Atlanta	ALMS	Braselton, Ga
Oct 20	Cascade 8hr Enduro – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Oct 27	SCCBC Banquet – Pitt Meadows Golf Club		Pitt Meadows, BC
Oct 27&28	Chumpcar World Series – PIR		Portland, Or
Nov 10	ICSCC Banquet - SeaTac Marriott		Seattle, Wa
Nov 14	SCCBC Meeting – Sandman Inn,	8828 - 201 st	Langley, BC
Nov 17	VRCBC Gala – Delta Town and Country Inn		Delta, BC
Nov 17&18	Totem TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior
Nov 28 AGM	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Dec 1&2	Big White Winter Stage Rally	WCRA	Kelowna, BC



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Annual General Meeting

*META's Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday November 28*

Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia St, New Westminster at 7:30pm

Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time.

*The positions available are:
President, Vice President,
Secretary, Treasurer*

Awards Banquet

~ 2012 ~

When: October 27th, 2012

Where: Pitt Meadows Golf Club 13615 Harris Road.

Tickets: \$50 available from Roland Stec 604.465.0745 or Pit# 25 at the track or rstec@shaw.ca Visa, Cash or Cheque accepted. No ticket sales at the door. Tables seat 8 people if you would like to reserve a table for your group.

Hotel: The Ramada on Lougheed Hwy is offering a discounted rate for SCCBC members. Call 604.460.9859 to make your reservation. Shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and the Golf Club.

Cocktails : 5 pm

Dinner : 6 pm

Awards : 7:30 pm

Dancing : 8:30 pm to midnight

Hotel : Ramada Inn
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Join us for a fun evening of good food, drinks and laughter as we relive the fun of the 2012 season and look forward to 2013. Lots of prizes to be won, you won't want to miss it!



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5pm – 11pm**

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Nineteen races, \$1 million bonus highlight schedule

By Dave Lewandowski

Published: Sep 30, 2012

Nineteen races over 16 event weekends highlight the 2013 IZOD IndyCar Series schedule.

The expanded schedule includes the return of Indy car racing to Pocono Raceway and the streets of Houston. With a 400-mile race at Pocono Raceway joining the 500-mile events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Auto Club Speedway on the schedule, the IZOD IndyCar Series will institute a Triple Crown award, which will pay a \$1 million bonus to a driver that wins on all three ovals. A driver that wins two of the three races will be awarded a \$250,000 bonus.

Also new for 2013 are Saturday-Sunday doubleheaders scheduled for the street courses at Detroit's Belle Isle Park, Toronto and Houston and the implementation of standing starts at those three venues. One of the races will be a standing start and the other a rolling start. Both will have equal points and payouts.

Fourteen of the 15 venues that hosted IZOD IndyCar Series races in 2012 return. Six races – Indianapolis, the doubleheader at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park, the prime-time event at Texas Motor Speedway as well as Iowa and Pocono – will be broadcast on ABC. The balance of the schedule, including the season opener at St. Petersburg and the finale at Auto Club Speedway, will be carried on NBC Sports Network. Race distances and broadcast times will be announced at a later date.

“We are proud of the on-track product we provided in 2012,” INDYCAR CEO Randy Bernard said. “From the drivers to the new car, we demonstrated that the IZOD IndyCar Series is showcasing the best racing in the world.

“It is important to provide opportunities to generate additional exposure for our sport by expanding our racing schedule, and we feel that our 2013 schedule will certainly challenge the fastest, most versatile drivers in the world with a strong mix of ovals and road and street courses, cumulating in 19 races.”

The stars and cars of the IZOD IndyCar Series return for another exciting year of competition Sunday, March 24, on the challenging 1.8-mile St. Petersburg (Fla.) street circuit. Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., will host the season finale Saturday, Oct. 19, for the second consecutive year. Ryan Hunter-Reay of Andretti Autosport claimed the Astor Cup as the 2012 IZOD IndyCar Series driver champion in dramatic fashion over 250 laps on the 2-mile oval on Sept. 15.

The 97th Running of the Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Pole Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18.

Six oval events on the schedule include four in a row on diverse racetracks – the 1.5-mile, high-banked Texas Motor Speedway; the flat Milwaukee Mile; the .875-mile Iowa Speedway bullring; and the 2.5-mile triangular Pocono Raceway -- in the middle of the season.

Pocono Raceway, which last hosted an Indy car race in 1989, will spring to life with the turbocharged IZOD IndyCar Series cars on Sunday, July 7. Mark Donohue won the inaugural Indy car race on the triangular track in 1971 under USAC sanction, and multiple winners include A.J. Foyt (four times), Rick Mears (three times) and Al Unser and Danny Sullivan (twice). Sullivan won the '89 race under CART sanction.

A 1.7-mile, 10-turn circuit at Reliant Park will be the setting for the Shell and Pennzoil Grand Prix of Houston on Saturday, Oct. 7, and Sunday, Oct. 8. Sebastien Bourdais won the last race in 2007 under Champ Car sanction, and Graham Rahal was runner-up.

“Our new events provide the right mix of strategically-located markets and historic tradition to our schedule,” Bernard said. “Houston gives us exposure in another top-10 U.S. market. Pocono is deep in open-wheel, oval racing tradition and has produced some of the most memorable races in Indy car history. The addition of Pocono allows us to bring back a version of the Triple Crown, restoring a popular legacy of our sport to reward the champion of our three longest races of the season.”

Full-distance doubleheader races on the three street courses are being introduced to the IZOD IndyCar Series. Details regarding qualifications procedures for the doubleheader races will be announced at a later date. Scintillating racing on the most diverse set of racetracks in motorsports, drama, the re-introduction of engine manufacturer competition and a new universal chassis marked the 2012 IZOD IndyCar Series season.

There were eight different race winners in the 15 events, and Hunter-Reay wrested the championship from Will Power by a scant three points in the finale. The expanded 2013 season promises more excitement.

“We want to create more exposure and content for our sport, and we feel this strong and diverse schedule along with the addition of doubleheader races will provide an opportunity to further showcase the skills and personalities of the IZOD IndyCar Series next season,” Bernard said. “We look forward to watching Ryan Hunter-Reay defend his title, the second year of engine manufacturer competition and the best-of-the-best tackle this challenging schedule in 2013.”

2013 IZOD IndyCar Series Schedule

Date	Track & City	Venue	Network
March 24, 2013	Streets of St. Petersburg St. Petersburg, Fla.	1.8-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
April 7, 2013	Barber Motorsports Park Birmingham, Ala.	2.38-mile road course	NBC Sports Network
April 21, 2013	Streets of Long Beach Long Beach, Calif.	1.968-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
May 5, 2013	Streets of Sao Paulo Sao Paulo, Brazil	2.6-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
May 26, 2013	Indianapolis Motor Speedway Indianapolis, Ind.	2.5-mile oval	ABC
June 1, 2013	Streets of Belle Isle Detroit, Mich.	2.07-mile street course	ABC
June 2, 2013	Streets of Belle Isle Detroit, Mich.	2.07-mile street course	ABC
June 8, 2013 (*)	Texas Motor Speedway Fort Worth, Texas	1.5-mile oval	ABC
June 15, 2013	The Milwaukee Mile Milwaukee, Wis.	1-mile oval	NBC Sports Network
June 23, 2013	Iowa Speedway Newton, Iowa	.875-mile oval	ABC
July 7, 2013	Pocono Raceway Long Pond, Pa.	2.5-mile oval	ABC
July 13, 2013	Streets of Toronto Toronto, Ontario	1.75-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
July 14, 2013	Streets of Toronto Toronto, Ontario	1.75-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
August 4, 2013	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Lexington, Ohio	2.258-mile road course	NBC Sports Network
August 25, 2013	Raceway at Sonoma Sonoma, Calif.	2.303-mile road course	NBC Sports Network
September 1, 2013	Streets of Baltimore Baltimore, Md.	2.04-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
October 5, 2013	Reliant Park Houston, Texas	1.7-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
October 6, 2013	Reliant Park Houston, Texas	1.7-mile street course	NBC Sports Network
October 19, 2013 (*)	Auto Club Speedway Fontana, Calif.	2-mile oval	NBC Sports Network

(*) Denotes night race
Schedule subject to change

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing.

Please submit to Joe Proud at jjproudca@yahoo.ca

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

Submitted by Gail Fetterman

From: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/11/sports/olympics/for-handcyclist-paralympics-are-stirring-triumph.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

For Handcyclist, Paralympics Are a Stirring Triumph

By JOHN F. BURNS

Published: September 11, 2012

BRANDS HATCH, England — He averaged just a fraction under 20 miles per hour for the two-hour handcyclo road race, and he reached a maximum speed, running downhill, of 46 m.p.h. He did it on this track famous for the Grand Prix races run here in the years before he became a marquee name in Formula One and IndyCar racing.

But for Alex Zanardi, a delirious 45-year-old who before he lost his legs thrilled IndyCar crowds by lapping the fastest oval tracks in the world at more than 230 m.p.h., there was no question.

“I did the best race of my life,” he said.

To see Zanardi winning two handcycling gold medals in the Paralympic Games, which ended in London on Sunday after two weeks of competition, was to witness the culmination of a comeback on a scale beyond improbable.

It has been something perhaps only the irrepressible Zanardi could have imagined after the brutal crash in Germany in 2001 that severed his legs and drained two-thirds of his blood onto the track. A chaplain administered last rites as Zanardi was flown by helicopter to a Berlin hospital, where doctors told him he was “technically speaking, a dead man” when he came under their care.

Lifted gently onto the Brands Hatch track by his team after each of his gold medal-winning performances last week — in the 40-mile road race and in the time trials — Zanardi seemed like a living parable for the triumph-over-adversity theme that infuses the Paralympics, which drew more than 4,300 disabled athletes from 164 countries including the United States and 2.5 million paying spectators.

After an open-top bus parade through central London by British competitors on Monday, Prime Minister David Cameron spoke for many in his praise of the athletes. “You have given us moments that we will never forget,” he said. “The whole country salutes your brilliance.”

Zanardi delivered some of the most stirring performances of the Games. Tears coursing down his face, he hoisted his high-tech, carbon-fiber racing tricycle aloft in triumph after each of his wins.

Dense crowds pressing against the spectator fences joined in a rhythmic chanting of Zanardi’s name — “A-lex! A-lex!” Already a hero in Italy for his feats in auto racing and handcycling, he leaned forward on both occasions to kiss the asphalt.

On Saturday, Zanardi added a silver medal to his two individual golds after anchoring the Italian team to the runner-up spot in the time-trial relay race at Brands Hatch, where he first competed as a racing driver 21 years ago, on his way to four years in Formula One and another four years in CART racing, the open-wheeled American championship that ultimately merged with the rival IndyCar series.

In CART racing, he won the series titles in 1997 and 1998, winning 15 races and establishing himself as one of the series’ most formidable drivers, alongside rivals like Michael Andretti, Helio Castroneves, Dario Franchitti and Al Unser Jr. Tweets from several of his former competitors, especially Franchitti, have flowed in since his Paralympic wins.

In an interview Monday, after a late night on Sunday at the main Olympic stadium as flagbearer for the Italian team at the Games’ exuberant closing ceremony, he could barely contain his excitement. Even the New York City Marathon, which he won at his fourth attempt last November, does not rank with his triumphs here.

“I’ve never known happiness like this since I put myself on this horizon,” he said, referring to his decision to take up handcycling full-time three years ago.

In handcycling, three-wheeled machines couple specially designed aerodynamic wheels and multispeed gearing to hand-operated cranks, with legless riders like Zanardi seated snugly, upright, in carbon-fiber farings. Zanardi's medals brought a new challenge in the form of an offer from Jimmy Vasser, a former CART rival and current IndyCar team owner, in a telephone call before the Brands Hatch races.

"He said, 'If you win, I'm going to give you a car for the Indy 500,'" Zanardi recalled on the evening of the first win. "So I'm going to call him back and say, 'Jimmy, here I am. I've got the gold medal. How about the car?'"

It was the kind of gauntlet-to-the-floor moment that took Zanardi back to top-flight motor racing in specially adapted touring cars — and checkered-flag victories over full-abled drivers at tracks across Europe — barely three years after the crash in Germany.

But after some reflection, Zanardi demurred — or wavered, since he still seemed hesitant to rule it out — because, he said, he would be reluctant to carve out the time from a life he has recentered in Italy with his wife, Daniela, and his 14-year-old son, Niccolo. Fishing with his son, he said, is now his greatest pleasure.

"To do one race, one shot, it would be nice, but it wouldn't be correct," he said. "It would not pay proper respect. I would have to compete in other races in the IndyCar championship, then maybe I would have a chance. Then I would be competitive. I have no interest whatsoever to be part of an event for its own sake, to say, 'I took part in the Indianapolis 500.'"

To those watching the handcycling races, there seemed little doubt that Zanardi retains the race craft that made him a formidable competitor at tracks like Monaco, Monza, Laguna Seca and in the 500-mile race on the oval track at Brooklyn, Mich.

In his win in the 40-mile road race, entailing eight grueling laps over the plunging Brands Hatch track and an adjacent section of undulating, forest-lined public road, he made two breakaway attempts early against a field that included the most successful sprint champion in handcycling history, Ernst Van Dyk of South Africa, nine-time winner of the Boston Marathon.

Both times, his rivals hauled him in, prompting a change in strategy. "Once I knew that I couldn't get away, I saved my muscle strength for the final straight, freewheeling down the steep hills, then catching up with the pack with special effort on the level stretches," Zanardi said.

Approaching the final turn, a sweeping, downhill right-hander, Zanardi broke with the pack, moving to the lefthand side of the track, alone, before swooping across in front of Van Dyk and others in the leading pack and accelerating to a one-second victory over Van Dyk.

Something else Zanardi brought to handcycling from his motor racing days was a passion for high technology. Designing his bikes for himself, he has added a power meter, measured in watts, that keeps him abreast of the energy he is using. A data acquisition system similar to the ones used in motor racing allows his team to gauge his speeds on key gradients along the way, as well as his heart rate. The data can be invaluable.

But the main lesson he brings back from the racing is philosophical, and goes to the heart of the Paralympic movement.

"A few years ago, I was racing just for Alex Zanardi," he said. "But now I understand that people see me as a sort of revenge for adversity in life. And everybody, no matter what they do, no matter how mundane their lives, encounters adversity. The trick is to see it as an opportunity, not as an end.

"For myself, I never looked at my accident in Germany as a disaster. Everybody can ask themselves those useless questions — 'Why me?' or 'Would this have happened if I had have done something different?' But that's an absolute waste of time."

He added: "I have looked at what happened as a door to knock on, and to walk through. My focus is on the present, not the past, and how to make the future better."

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