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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 e-mailed to the Editor.

Produced in Canada.

Next META meeting will be

January 22, 2020

Our meeting location is Boston Pizza

1045 Columbia, New Westminister, BC – To Be Confirmed

Speed Reading

Dec 6&7&8	Big White Winter Stage Rally	WCRA	Kelowna, BC
Jan 4&5	Ice Race # 1 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC
Jan 8	SCCBC Meeting – Burnaby Lake Rugby Clubhouse – To Be Confirmed	7:30	Burnaby, BC
Jan 18&19	Ice Race # 2 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC
Jan 22	META Meeting – Location to be confirmed	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 25	META Banquet – Guildford Golf and Country Club		Surrey, BC
Feb 1&2	Ice Race # 3 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC
Feb 15&16	Ice Race # 4 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Ashcroft, BC

Note that Ice Races are subject to Ice and Weather conditions.

Please check the website <http://www.carsonice.ca/> before traveling.

Congratulations

to the

2020 META Executive

President: David Bell

Vice President: Mike Bailey

Treasurer: Angus Glass

Secretary: Ann Peters

Many thanks to the 2019 executive for all your hard work



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

Have a Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year

Presidents Report

As most of you are aware by now, I have volunteered to be CACC Officials Discipline Director at the Fall CACC General Meeting. I'm sure the minutes of that meeting are available by now for those that did not attend, I know some were unable to get back from the Conference (ICSCC) meeting and banquet in time to attend.

The Ice Racing season is coming up, however there is no schedule published at <http://carsonice.ca/> yet, however the dates are available elsewhere in this issue of the Mayday.

The Elections were held at the November meeting, David Bell is our new president, I'm the VP, Ann remains as secretary, and Angus is back to being treasurer.

The VRCBC banquet was held on November 16, at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn. It was well attended and a good time was had by all. They had live entertainment, but when I left only Ivan Lesner and his lady friend had got up to dance.

See you at Ann and Roger's Open House December 14, and have a Merry Christmas.

Mike Bailey

Some META History

10 years ago ([December 2009](#)): There was a writeup republished from the ICSCC Forum on the October 2009 24 Hours of Chumpcar at Portland International Raceway which was written by Grace Skinner. The photos from that event are still available at: <https://gallery.shutterdriven.com/p458434576>. Westwood50 Videos were also made available.

25 years ago ([December 1994](#)): The Training Committee was providing some instruction for Rope Tow and Emergency Response procedures. The META Dissolution Clause was published to be discussed and voted on at the January 1995 Meeting:
"In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Society, all the funds and assets of the .society remaining after the payment or satisfaction of all costs, charges, expenses, debts and liabilities of the Society, including the remuneration (if any) of a liquidator, and after payment to employees of the Society of any arrears of salaries or wages, and after the payment of any debts of the Society, shall be given, transferred and distributed to such organizations that are registered charities pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act that shall be designated by the members of the Society at the time of the winding up or dissolution of the Society, and if effected cannot be given to the afore-said provisions, such funds shall be given, transferred and distributed to such organizations that are determined by the members of the Society to be registered charities pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act which have purposes-similar to those of the Society."

40 years ago (December 1979): Unfortunately, there was no Mayday published in December of 1979.

Congratulations

To

Valerie Dare

2019 ICSCC Worker of the Year

Congratulations

To

Kevin Wall

For being awarded the

CACC Ed Smart Memorial Award

It's that time of year again!!!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN META

-Membership is from January 1 to December 31

-The membership list will be purged of non-renewals March 31.

-Look elsewhere in this issue for the renewal form or you can renew your membership on-line using PayPal or credit card at:

<http://meta.bc.ca/wordpress/forms>

Thank you for your support.

Open House

Roger and Ann will be holding their Annual Open House

December 14 - 3:00 onward

All are welcome to attend

BYOB - Food will be provided

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Now that summer is over, we are getting ready for the upcoming Cars on Ice season. Here are the 2020 race event dates. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces along with some first timers.

Registration for 2020 opens November 1, 2019.

IceX:

- January 4/5
- February 1/2

Ice Attack:

- January 18/19
- February 15/16

Cancelled Event Alternate Dates:

- February 29 / March 1
- March 14/15

We will make an announcement when motorsportreg is open.

<https://www.facebook.com/carsonice.ca/>

<http://carsonice.ca/faq>

What is IceX?

IceX is an autocross event held on a frozen lake. This is a single car timed event completing 1 lap at a time. IceX allows beginners to learn car control techniques and gives an experienced driver a chance to hone and perfect the skills they already have. Previous experience not required.

What is Ice Attack?

Ice Attack is a time attack, multi lap timed event on a frozen lake. Passing is not allowed, but there is a pull out lane for slower drivers to allow for the faster cars to continue. This event is more race oriented with higher speeds and has continuous lapping to increase seat time. Previous ice experience is required. This minimum includes completion of 1 IceX event or a previous wheel to wheel event and a CACC competition license.



META Awards Banquet

Saturday January 25, 2020

Guildford Golf and Country Club

7929 - 152nd st

Surrey, BC

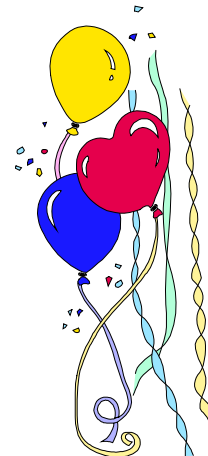
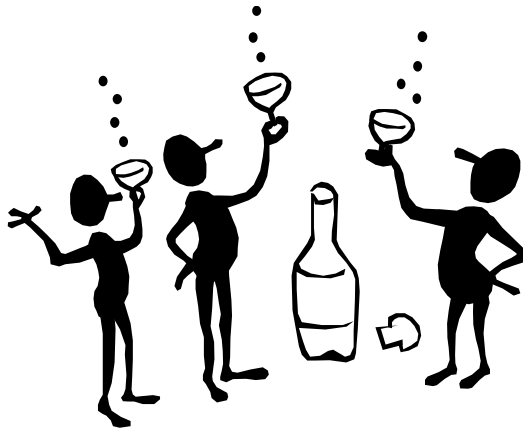
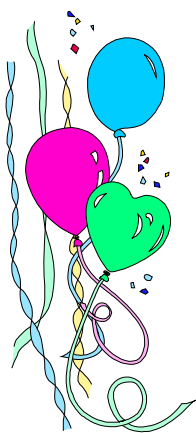
Tickets \$50.00

Happy Hour 5:30

Dinner 6:30

Contact Doris Gildemeister for tickets

604-588-9218 or dg-meister@hotmail.com



Submitted By Doris Gildemeister.

From: <https://www.pressreader.com/canada/starmetro-vancouver/20191031/281560882591499>

Arrow McLaren kicks Hinchcliffe to sidelines

Canadian driver remains under contract to team but is being replaced by Indy Lights champ

StarMetro Vancouver, 31 Oct 2019

Jenna Fryer

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—THE new Arrow McLaren SP team officially named Pato O'ward and Oliver Askew as its drivers for 2020 on Wednesday and confirmed the Indy Lights champions will replace popular Canadian Indycar veteran James Hinchcliffe.

Hinchcliffe began driving for Sam Schmidt in 2015, the year he nearly bled to death when a part on his car broken in a crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway pierced his leg. The Oakville, Ont., driver is under contract to the team but is being replaced by 2018 Lights champion O'ward. Askew sealed a deal to replace Marcus Ericsson in the second seat after wrapping up this year's Lights title.

"James Hinchcliffe has concluded his Indycar racing duties with the team," the team said. "While James will cease racing for the team in 2020, he remains under contract with Arrow McLaren SP, but is free to seek and secure alternative options."

Hinchcliffe was already in a bind because of his ties to Honda and personal services agreement as a North American spokesperson. But Honda won't work with McLaren because of a bitter breakup in Formula One, so the existing Schmidt team will move to

James Hinchcliffe has been released from the new Arrow McLaren SP Racing team, despite repeated public assurances that the popular Canadian was not leaving the organization.

Chevrolet in 2020. The move was going to cost Hinchcliffe significant money, but he was committed to staying with the team and had repeated public assurances from coowner Schmidt and McLaren CEO Zak Brown that Hinchcliffe would be back.

As a driver under contract with no reason to believe he'd be released, Hinchcliffe was not part of the active free agent market and now finds himself scrambling for a job with very few seats available.

His fate changed when O'ward gained a release from Red Bull Racing that made the 21-year-old available to join Askew to form the youngest team in the Indycar paddock.

Hinchcliffe learned he was out Sunday night.

McLaren had planned to be a full-time two-car Indycar team in 2020, but scaled back its plans when it failed to qualify Fernando Alonso for the Indy 500. It has instead partnered with Schmidt and is overhauling the organization with a clear emphasis on youth. McLaren is doing the same with its F1 lineup.

"I've followed Oliver and Pato closely over the last few years," said team co-owner Sam Schmidt. "I couldn't think of a better pairing as we write the first chapter in Arrow McLaren SP'S story. They've proven their skills ... with an Indy Lights championship each. They are ready and deserving of full-time seats in Indycar. I have no doubt that Oliver and Pato are the right drivers to move Arrow McLaren SP forward."

Schmidt is the winningest Indy Lights team in history with seven championships and has given seats to reigning Indy 500 winner Simon Pagenaud, as well as Robert Wickens in 2018 when he moved from touring cars to Indy cars.

Wickens suffered a spinal cord injury in a crash at Pocono late in his rookie season and although he vows to race again, he's currently in a wheelchair but attended almost every Indycar race to assist the team. He and Hinchcliffe are very good friends who grew up racing together in Canada.

Askew, an American who turns 23 in December, won seven races while winning the title this season driving for Andretti Autosport. The Indy Lights title comes with a monetary bonus that pays for the champion to race in at least three Indycar events, including the Indianapolis 500.

"It's a dream come true to be joining Arrow McLaren SP for my first year in Indycar," said Askew. "The new team brings together three great partners and it's an honour to be representing them in this new chapter for the team and for my career. This is an exciting new challenge for me and the next natural step after winning the Indy Lights title this year."

From the December 2000 Mayday.....the more things change, the more they stay the same!!!!!!!

Any of you who have tried to organize an event, etc. can appreciate these memos....

Holiday Party

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

TO: Everyone

RE: Christmas Party

DATE: December 1

I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place on December 23, starting at noon in the banquet room at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue. No-host bar, but plenty of eggnog! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols...feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus!

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 2

RE: Christmas Party

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Chanukah is an important holiday which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to employees who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time. Happy now?

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 3

RE: Holiday Party

Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table ... you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads, "AA Only"; you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. How am I supposed to handle this? Somebody?

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 7

RE: Holiday Party

What a diverse company we are! I had no idea that December 20 begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating, drinking and sex during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim employees' beliefs. Perhaps Luigi's can hold off on serving your meal until the end of the party - the days are so short this time of year or else package everything for take-home in little foil swans. Will that work?

Meanwhile, I've arranged for members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert buffet and pregnant women will get the table closest to the restrooms. Did I miss anything?

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 8

RE: Holiday Party

So December 22 marks the Winter Solstice...what do you expect me to do, a tap-dance on your heads? Fire regulations at Luigi's prohibit the burning of sage by our "earth-based Goddess-worshipping" employees, but we'll try to accommodate your shamanic drumming circle during the band's breaks. Okay???

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

Date: December 9

RE: Holiday Party

People, people, nothing sinister was intended by having our CEO dress up like Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan", there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit". It's a tradition folks, like sugar shock at Halloween or family feuds over the Thanksgiving turkey or broken hearts on Valentine's Day. Could we lighten up?

FROM: Pat Lewis, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 10

RE: Holiday Party

Vegetarians!?!?! I've had it with you people!!! We're going to keep this party at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table furthest from the "grill of death", as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your #\$\$%^&*! salad bar, including hydroponic tomatoes. But you know, they have feelings, too. Tomatoes scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them scream right now!

FROM: Teri Bishop, Acting Human Resources Director

DATE: December 14

RE: Pat Lewis and The Holiday Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Pat Lewis a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness and I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanatorium. In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full pay

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

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

Please submit your nominations to the awards committee:

Ann Peters – ann_peters@telus.net or Karen Clouston – kac1002@shaw.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 ____/____/____.
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Bernie Hamm
Auto Technician 'The Doctor'

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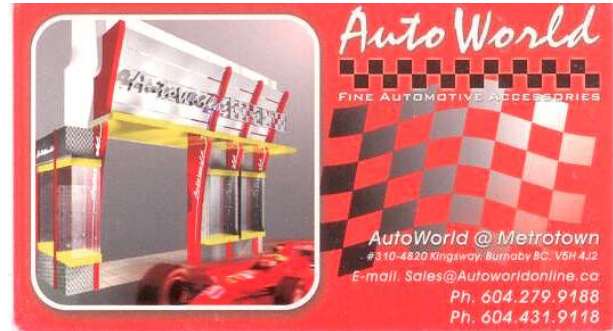
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