

“Mayday”

The M.E.T.A. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here it is, M.E.T.A.'s own newsletter!

We decided to call it "MAYDAY", which signifies the most important word in our work at race tracks. As you can imagine, our editing staff has put a lot of hours into the creating of this first issue and I hope that all club members contribute to make our paper a success. I think with bringing the paper out once a month it will keep us closer together between races and over the off season; informing us on future events, and ideas on improving the work at Westwood. So, let's all chip in by supporting the paper with short stories, ideas, funnies; jokes and make it an entertaining and interesting newsletter.

I wish the editing staff all the best and good luck!

ROGER SALOMON

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

On this, our first issue, the staff of "MAYDAY" would like to extend an invitation to all our readers to submit articles, comments and other newsworthy items for possible publication.

The upcoming year at Westwood should be an interesting one, and we, at "MAYDAY", want to cover it from a turnworker's point of view. As we cannot be on all the corners at the same time, we would appreciate any assistance in the reporting of interesting anecdotes.

Keeping in mind that "MAYDAY" is your newsletter, its success depends on the support and confidence of M.E.T.A. members. Should you be interested in participating in the production of "MAYDAY", please feel free to phone us at:

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or see us at the M.E.T.A. meetings.

ANNUAL M.E.T.A. BANQUET

Back on January 24th, the annual M.E.T.A. banquet was held at the Elk's Hall in New Westminster.

The evening started with a catered roast beef dinner, followed with music, supplied by a disc jockey. The large selection of taped music provided everything from waltzes to watusies, the bump, the hustle, and even a few polkas. Throughout the evening spot dances provided a few lucky people with extra "refreshments". For those with the right number on their tickets, door prizes, consisting of rally headlamps, a Pirelli carry case and a Castrol jacket, were given out.

A good time was had by everyone there and I am sure we will all be looking forward to our next banquet.

M.E.T.A. CAR SHOW

A very successful car show was put on by N.E.T.A. on February 19th, 20th and 21st at the Brentwood Shopping Mall. Approximately 21 cars were on display, ranging from Lambouguines to Ice Racers.

Demonstrations, movies and slides were all being shown. Some of the demonstrations were centered around the use of the warning flags and how they are used to warn the oncoming drivers of- track condition. Around 100,000 people saw the display and it looks as though we have at least 30 good prospects for new members.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ROGER SALOMON

Carling O'Keefe Ice Challenge '76 has been a nominal success and much of the credit can go to the M.E.T.A. workers that very capably manned the track.

To you, Roger Salomon, and your crew, goes the heartfelt thanks of Motor Sport Club Vancouver and Lynne and myself. We are looking forward to using M.E.T.A. personnel once again next year when we are planning to run a minimum of 4 meets and a maximum of 6.

Tentative plans for next year call for a further improved Communication system and a complete P.A. system. During the summer, Motor Sport Club Vancouver is hoping to keep its association with M.E.T.A. alive by extending an invitation to the Ice Challenge '76 Dance and Mid-Summer Convention to be held on Mount Seymour around the end of May or beginning of June, also the Westwood Summer Challenge which has one date going on the August 1st weekend (B.C. Day) and a second one yet to be announced.

The management and staff of Carling O'Keefe Breweries, who have already announced that they will be joining us next year, would also like to express their thanks to the workers for the work donated and the support the workers have given to the products of Carling O'Keefe.

Lynne and I are looking forward to working the summer season with M.E.T.A. and hope that many of you will be joining us for the Carling O'Keefe Ice Challenge!!

LYNNE & HERMAN.

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DRIVER'S TRAINING MARCH 27th-28th

Driver's Training, held March 27th-28th, was quite successful, though on Saturday it rained somewhat and a number of drivers had close up views of the territory surrounding the pavement. One driver, in a Honda sports car, even tried driving in an inverted position, much to his detriment. He found it not to his liking; fortunately no real serious damage was done. Dean Warner, what happened???

On Sunday, with the novice drivers gaining experience and confidence, speeds picked up considerably and things went quite well, especially as the track was dry. The two races Were highlighted by the driver of a yellow Capri; after the first pace lap behind the pace car, the cars were to race to Turn Two and re-group for the actual start of the race, using the pole car as the pace car. On the second (pace?) lap the Capri driver came flying through the Esses with all the other cars strung out behind. Next time around, the crew at the Esses managed to get him slowed down and when asked "What happened to the second pace lap?". He replied, "Oh, I forgot". Oh well.

He won his race however, with a good drive, and the second race was won by a well prepared 'Vette, (after they got it running).

NOTICES

As the production of "MAYDAY" is paid for by the annual membership dues, only paid-up members will be receiving regular monthly newsletters after this issue. So, if you want to be kept informed of what's happening around the track.....JOIN M.E.T.A.

Deadline for articles for the May issue of "MAYDAY" is Monday, May 3rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22	- NETA Meeting
April 24-25	- CASC - possible Trans AM
May 13	- META Meeting
May 15-16	- ICSCC

1976 RACE CALENDAR

Mar.	27-28	Driver's Training
Apr.	10-11	ICSCC
	24-25	CASC (possible Trans Am)
May	15-16	ICSCC
	28-30	Player's Pacific
Jun.	19-20	ICSCC
	26-27	CACS (possible Trans AM)
Jul.	24-25	Driver's Training
	31- 1	Fun Weekend
Aug.	7- 8	CASC (possible SCCA National)
	14-15	ICSCC
Sep.	11-12	CASC (possible GT Series Race)
Oct.	9-10	CASC/SCCA/REG/ENDURO