

"Mayday"

The M.E.T.A. Newsletter

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NOTES ON M.E.T.A. MEETING OF APRIL 22nd, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. Our Financial Report showed that we had a balance of \$615.76 on hand. Paren Hayes, Vice-President of C.A.S.C., was welcomed to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A FUN RALLY, for club members is being arranged by Dave Bevan and Sue Green. The rally is to be held sometime in June or July.
- It was decided that a club camping trip will be held on the May 22nd-24th weekend. (Particulars of which will follow)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Some of the problems arising in the last race were then discussed and settled, after a lengthy discussion.
- It was decided to look into the acquisition of 10-12 new fire extinguishers in the 2½-5 lbs. range.
- The Go-Kart Club will pay M.E.T.A. \$50.00 per day for the May 1st-2nd weekend, if we are able to produce ten workers per day.
- Steve Doherty, of the Auto Drug Store, was recently injured in an auto accident, so, it was decided to send him a get well card from the club.
- Two movies will be shown at the next M.E.T.A. meeting, one being a 1970 CanAm. The upcoming Player's Pacific will be discussed at the next meeting as well.
- The meeting concluded with the announcement that the April 24th-25th CASC meet was cancelled due to lack of entries.

PLAYER'S PACIFIC '76

The '76 Player's Pacific to be held on May 29th-30th promises to be a good one with over 65 entries so far.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

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| Tues. | May 25th | 10-12 A.M. | | 2-4 P.M. | | Practice Sessions |
| Wed. | May 26th | 10-12 A.M. | | 2-4 P.M. | .. | (any help manning the |
| Thur. | May 27th | 10-12 A.M. | | 2-4 P.M. | | track would be appreciated) |
| Fri. | May 28th | | | 4-6 P.M. | | Qualifying |
| Sat. and Sun. | May 29th-30th | | | | | as per normal. |

In addition to the Formula A cars, there will be two other races, one being for Sedans and the other for Formula Fords.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

"Food for Thought"

In recent months there have been articles in the local papers concerning the idea of constructing a multi-purpose track for motor sport. So far it has been looked at for either Mission's Steelhead area or where the Langley Speed Way is presently located. Other information, as such, is that the lease of Westwood Race Track, which is held by Sports Car Club of British Columbia (SCCBC), expires in 1980. Should the proposal for a new multi-purpose race track come about, or, the lease for Westwood not be re-newed, M.E.T.A. will be greatly affected. What the future will bring, no one can say, since everything is just talk at this time. Nobody really wants to see Westwood cease, because of our interest in sports racing, so maybe now is the time to start giving some thought as to what might happen and what we will do as a club.

RICK NEYEDLI

GO-KART ENDURO

On May 1st and 2nd the Go-Kart people ran an Enduro race on Westwood's sport car track. These machines were interesting in many ways; just think of some perfectly "sane" person laying back in a small frame, no longer than five feet, with roll protection. The engine, which is just a little bigger than a chain saw motor, pushes some of them to speeds over 100 m.p.h. on the back straight. Although M.E.T.A. was short a couple of workers each day, the Go-Kart people were happy and will probably ask for M.E.T.A.'s help again in September. The president of M.E.T.A. would like to convey his thanks to those who committed their time to help.

REGIONAL MEET AT S.I.R.

A very sparse turnout, 44 cars, raced at S.I.R. (Seattle International Raceway) on April 24th-25th. Bob Stevens was the only local (# 7 Datsun 510) competing, but having engine problems, he did not fare too well.

The excitement of the weekend was at Turn 6. In the all Formula race a five car accident occurred on the third lap. A Formula A (5000) hit the back of Elmer's F.F. He went off, up the outside bank with another F.F. on his right side. Along came Arnie Loyning, who landed on top of them with his front wheels hanging down into the cockpits of the other two cars. The left front was actually overhanging Elmer's F.F. with the spinning wheel rubbing on top of Elmer's helmet! Fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 22-23 - Knox Mountain Hill Climb, Kelowna
- May 22-24 - Camping Weekend
- May 27 - META Meeting (Important Player's meeting)
- May 29-30 - Player's Pacific
- June 17 - META Meeting
- June 19-20 - ICSCC

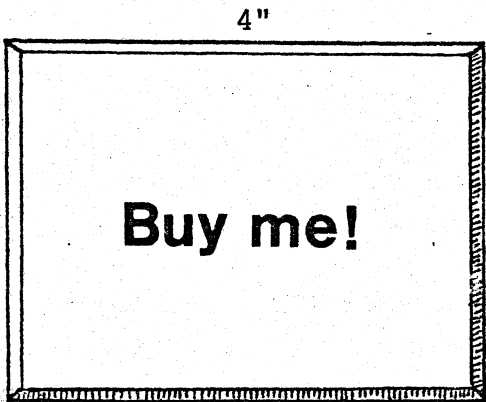
NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS to Alf Klassen, who referred a buyer to Dean Warner at Kingsway Honda. Alf made himself and M.E.T.A. \$25.00 each! Remember, Dean Warner will pay \$25.00 to you and \$25.00 to M.E.T.A. for each person you refer to him at Kingsway Honda. (Providing they buy a Honda!)

An introductory letter and M.E.T.A. Application Form are included in this month's issue, so if you know anyone who might be interested in M.E.T.A., please pass them along.

Deadline for submitting articles for the June issue of "MAYDAY" is June 1st.

Starting in the June issue of "MAYDAY" advertising space will be available. Rates are outlined below. The deadline for submitting ads will be the 1st of every month.



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| | ½ Unit | 4" X 1¾" |\$ 5.00 |
| | 1 Unit | 4" X 3½" |\$10.00 |
| 3½" | 2 Units | 4" X 7" |} \$20.00 |
| | or | 8" X 3½" |} |
| | 4 Units | 4" X 13" |} \$40.00 |
| | or | 8" X 7" |} |

Please contact Terry Ireland at 985-6065 or Donalda Webb at 525-2178 for further information.

MAY WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP

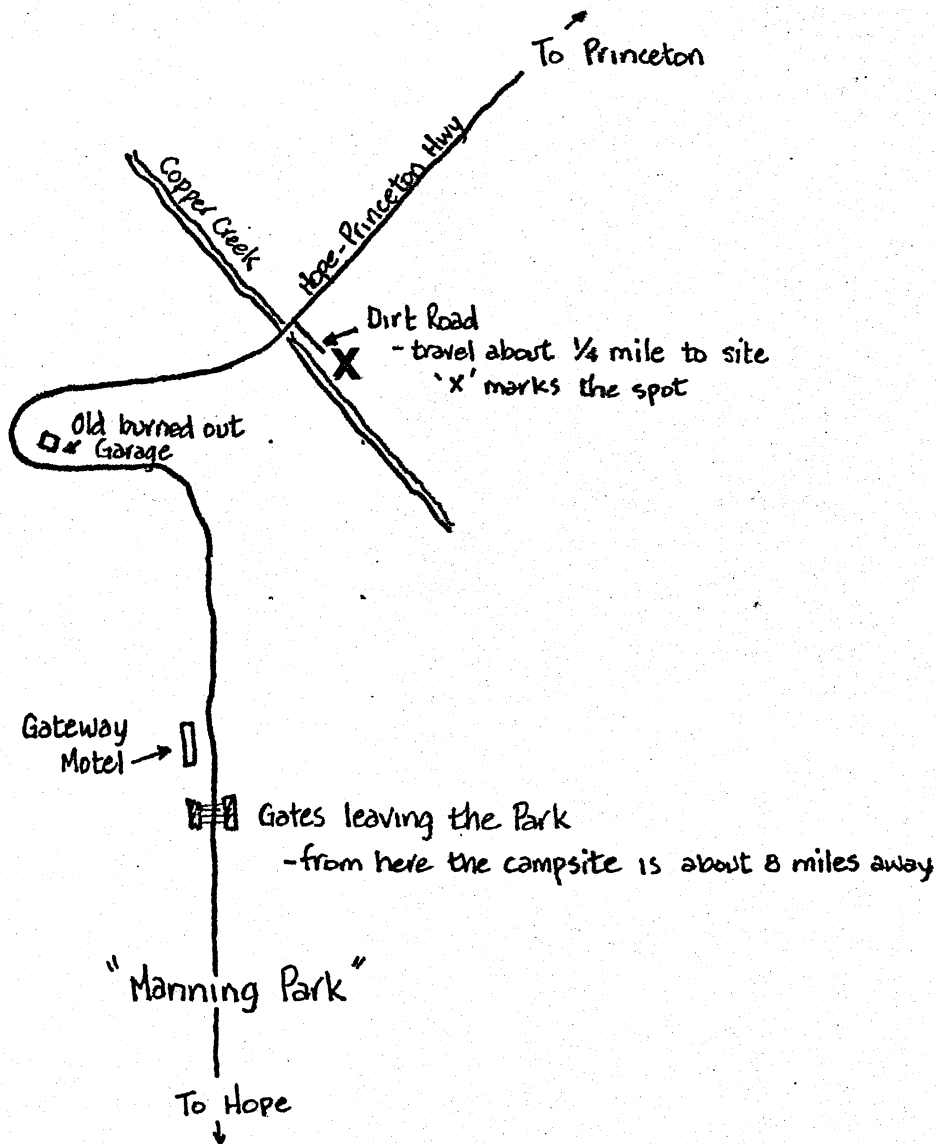
LOCATION: Copper Creek, private property owned by a M.E.T.A. member. Located approximately 8 miles after Manning Park.

WHEN: May 22nd-24th

MEET: At Eaton's parking lot in the Guilford Shopping Centre at 6:00 A.M., Saturday, May 22nd to join the "Caravan", or go to Copper Creek on your own.

BRING: Tent, warm clothes, food, fishing gear, gold panning equipment and something to keep you warm at night.

HOW TO GET THERE: Follow the Hope-Princeton Highway through Manning Park, then follow the map below. It should direct you there!



APPLICATION FOR WESTWOOD WORKERS

Yes I am interested in working at Westwood Race Track.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

AGE _____

PREFERENCE OF TIME TO BE CONTACTED _____

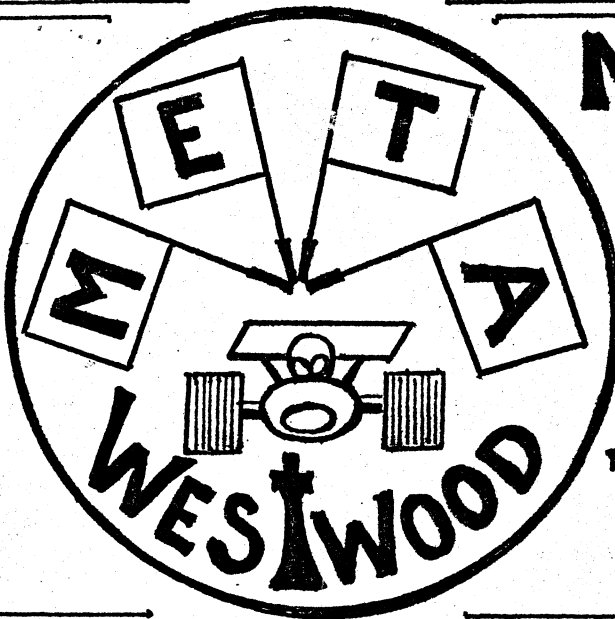
Please mail this application to the following address :

Miss Donalda Webb

#1508 - 810 Saint Andrews Street

New Westminster, B. C. V3M 1V8

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The Motorsport Emergency & Turnworkers Association is a sports car racing association dedicated to be bettermen of Autosport in British Columbia.

Some of the main objectives of the club are the promotions of safety and well being of all spectators, drivers, and workers at automobile racing circuits, and the training of new members on track procedures.

As well as our racing activities, we are also trying to develop an active social life for members of the club. ie. We have a number of parties planned throughout the coming year.

At the track - (Westwood, near the junction of the Barnet Highway & Lougheed Highway in Port Coquitlam) - our duties include the actual manning of the track on race dates. However, you do not have to be a member of META to participate. Our duties include flagging, safety, and communications. The flagging system is designed to warn racing drivers of conditions on the track in front of them; the safety marshals take care of any difficulties that arise; while the communications people report rules infractions, or call for any emergency equipment required. We all work together, trying to keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

Both male and female workers are accepted. We have our own newsletter - free to all members - and club crests are also available. At the club meetings, currently being held at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Admiral Hotel, 4125 East Hastings, Burnaby, B. C.; racing films are often being shown.

As well as activities at Westwood, we are also helping out with such various activities as the Knox Mountain Hillclimb at Kelowna, and the ice races held in the interior. When you have enough experience, you may apply for licences to work at tracks not only across Canada, but in the United States too. -- Imagine working at Mosport or Riverside, or any of the really big tracks !!

We hope that there is enough information here to get you interested. Please don't hesitate to ask any of the workers about anything that may interest you -- and talk to the drivers too. So please fill out the attached application form for yourself, and ask for extra forms for any of your friends who would be interested, and join us this year and many more years to come, for racing and social activities.